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HOME-BUILDING SOCIETY FORMED

K.R.A.-Sponsored Meeting On The Braga Plan

Scheme Within Reach Of All

There was a large attendance at Hong Kong's first public meeting on housing in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 6 p.m. yesterday, when it was unanimously decided that a "Home Building Society" based on Mr. Hugh Braga's scheme and sponsored by the Kowloon Residents' Association should be formed.

Mr. P. C. Clemons, President of the K.R.A., in his opening address, revealed that the scheme would be made within the reach of all, as it was hoped that semi-detached houses, terraces of houses, or flats might be constructed economically enough for those who could not pay more than \$150 or \$200 a month.

Mr. Clemons said: "It is almost three weeks since the Kowloon Residents' Association invited the public of the Colony to register their names if they were interested in the formation of a Home-Building Society. The response was very gratifying in many respects, 559 having sent in their names. They consisted of 308 Chinese, 142 Portuguese, 78 British, 15 Indians, 10 Russians, 2 Americans, and 4 Others. We have been greatly encouraged by the letters of appreciation which we have received from all sections of the community. The presence of so many in this hall tonight is also an indication that the Association was justified in sponsoring the scheme proposed by Mr. Hugh Braga.

"We are disappointed, however, to find that remarkably few residents from hotels appear to be interested in owning homes of their own. From the letters to the newspapers and stories we had heard, we had expected to be deluged by applications from hotel residents. We must come to the conclusion that either the facilities at the hotels are better than we were led to believe or that residents are waiting to see how things go before they decide to step in to reap any benefit for themselves.

For Community's Benefit

"If the latter is the case, it is most deplorable as the more participants we have at the outset the more are we likely to succeed. Perhaps this meeting might decide to give preference to those who register before a certain date if our plans for home-building come to anything.

"Of course, there might be other building schemes in the offing. We claim for the plan which we are sponsoring that it is non-profit making and that it is intended for the benefit of the community. There might be other schemes contemplated on similar lines, but we have not heard of them. I presume that you have all read the details of the Braga plan outlined in the press and there is no need for me to repeat them all. There are a few features, however, which I should like to emphasize.

"Firstly, the published plans are tentative. There is no doubt that they were popular, for specific houses of the types illustrated. At the same time, we realize that there are many people who had previously registered their names and who are not in a position to pay the monthly instalments for the type 'B' house.

No Increase In Rents
"I want to tell them tonight not to lose heart as it is hoped that semi-detached houses, terraces of houses, or flats might be constructed economically enough for those who cannot pay more than about \$150 to \$200 per month. It is for you to say what you want and can afford to pay and we shall try to devise ways to meet your wishes and your purpose.

"Secondly, although the monthly payments might appear high in the first place, almost half will be saving. If the rate of interest is 2½ per cent and your monthly instalment is \$170, you will be saving \$138 a month, so that your true outlay is under \$40. As time goes on, you will begin to put money in bonuses. These will be small at first but will increase as the scheme develops.

increase to about \$65 per month at the end of 25 years, your gross monthly payments will be less than \$40 for Crown rent and taxes only.

"Thirdly, most of us have had our house rents increased by 20 per cent. We all know that some day the rents restrictions ordinance will be further relaxed or revoked altogether. If you purchase your own home through a building society, no one can increase your rent, nor can you be evicted.

Two Problems
"Fourthly, the Kowloon Residents' Association having sponsored the formation of the Home-Building Society now wish you to take it over yourselves. The organization should be Colony-wide and, therefore, outside the scope of the K.R.A. But we propose to take a live interest in the Building Society and give it every assistance possible. At the conclusion of this meeting you will be invited to elect a committee from among those present here tonight.

"Your committee will be faced with two major problems—land and finance.
"You who are anxious to own homes must have been alarmed at the high prices now paid for land. A British resident who was decorated for his services in the defence of the Colony applied for 8,000 square feet of land from Government on which to build a home for himself and his wife. The land was put up to auction recently and the upset price was \$1 a square foot.

"The original applicant was prepared to bid up to \$16,000, but the land was sold for \$31,100 or nearly \$4 a square foot. The purchaser was reported to be a large property owner. What chance has the average individual against wealthy speculators? We do not ask Government to give us land. But we shall ask for reasonable terms.

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FROM BULLS TO COWS

Cowes, July 28.
The people of Bulls, New Zealand, have started sending food packages, including butter, to this town. It was learned here today.

'Tree Man' Charged With Murder

A handsome, 20-year-old window-cleaner was charged by the police today with being the "Tree Man" who killed two little children—brother and sister—in what has become known as the "Babes in the Wood Murders."

After frightened parents had ordered holidaying children to remain indoors and hundreds of country folk had joined over 100 police in a search through wooded areas, Frederick James Smith was picked up.
In court today, Detective Inspector H. E. Stone said that when Smith was charged with the shooting of nine-year-old Leslie Gaff he replied "I didn't murder him. It was an accident." He said "No, I didn't" when asked whether he had brutally beaten a seven-year-old Ellen Gaff who died in hospital last night.
Smith will be given a preliminary hearing on Friday. Police searched for him on the basis of stories from villagers that a man who used to drop out of big trees like Tarrant and teach woodlore to neighbourhood children had been seen talking to the Gaff youngsters.
The children were found lying side by side, the boy dead and the girl dying. There were reports that the police believed Leslie had died of a bullet wound, while Ellen had been strangled.

ISOGAI SENTENCED



Gen. Kenzo Isogai, wartime occupation Governor of Hong Kong, acknowledging receiving sentence in a Nanking court after he was sentenced to life imprisonment on July 22. Found not guilty of four other charges, he was convicted on a charge of deporting non-combatant Chinese from the Colony. It was for the latter charge that he was sentenced to life imprisonment. —Associated Press Photo.

COLLAPSE ON SET

London, July 28.
Actress Jenn Kent, who played leading roles in several British pictures, collapsed today while working in the film "Good Time Girl." She was taken to a hospital where her illness was tentatively diagnosed as appendicitis. —Associated Press.

New Air Service To H.K.

San Francisco, July 28.
Pan American Airways announced on Sunday that it hopes to start a service to Tokyo and Hong Kong by the end of August but that flying characteristics of the new route will need final approval of the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

A CAA proving flight will leave here between August 10 and 15, the airline said, leaving existing facilities at Wake Island and flying north to Tokyo and then south again to Shanghai, Hong Kong and Bangkok. The new service will be supplemental to the present Manila-Bangkok-Shanghai around the world circuit operated by PAA, the company said.
Its application to serve Tokyo was approved in principle by CAA about a year ago. Since then the application also has been accepted by SCAP which has opened Japan to foreign businessmen visiting on August 15. —Associated Press.

Mysberg Released On Bail

Shanghai, July 28.
Frederick Mysberg, Dutch manager of the American-owned Abis company, who has been in jail for five months on a charge of violating Chinese currency laws, was released today on bail of CNCS100,000,000 cash.

The bail was granted on a direct application to the Shanghai High Court by Mysberg's lawyer, who asked his client's release to receive medical attention. On release, Mysberg entered a hospital with various illnesses, his attorney said, due to the conditions in the Chinese jail where he was held.
Mysberg is appealing to the Supreme Court against the Lower Court's sentence of a year's term in jail.

The Mysberg case grew out of the economic collapse of Chinese currency. Early in March, when the government changed the official rate

of exchange and banned trading in gold and United States dollars, it virtually converted the whole army garrison here into an enforcement agency. Mysberg was arrested when a large amount of United States dollars was found in his office. In his defence, Mysberg claimed that his arrest and conviction took place before the law went into effect.

The case provoked international attention and recently the Far East Council of Commerce and Industry in the United States under the U.S. State Department looked into the case. —Associated Press.

WOT ABOUT ROOSIA?

London, July 27.
A Moscow Radio commentator tonight described Britain's armed forces as "extraordinarily great for peace time" and declared that the greater part of Britain's loan from the United States already spent, had gone towards their upkeep.

"Having obtained an American dollar loan and having already spent more than half of it, Britain has not done away with her dollar famine and is compelled to reduce supplies of food and other necessities for her population," he stated. —Reuter.

The Weather

An anticyclone is stationary to the E. of the Bonins, and pressure is moderately high over Korea and over E. India. It is low over the whole of China. A depression is moving E. over the Kuriles. The Pacific depression is almost stationary to the E. of the Loochoos and appears to be filling up.
Today's Forecast: Moderate SW winds, mainly fair with scattered morning showers.
Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 80.1 deg. F.
Minimum: 70.1 deg. F.
Sunshine: 10.9 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since January: 123.0 mm. as against an average of 128.1 mm.
Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Baro. at m.s.l. 1010.2 1008.1 m.b.
Wind: E. 23.5 22.7 inches.
Rel. Humidity 78 74 %
Dew Point 78 70 deg. F.
Wind Direction WSW SW
Wind Force 4 5 knots

TYPHOON EAST OF LUZON

Foohow, July 28.
A minor typhoon was reported east of Luzon in the Philippines at 8 p.m. yesterday heading for Foohow at 12 miles an hour.
According to the local observatory, the typhoon was then about 700 miles from Foohow. —Central News.

REAL TRAITORS?

Shanghai, July 28.
The Chinese Manufacturers Federation today branded those favouring resumption of Chinese-Japanese trade as "real traitors" and claimed that China would be "bled white" if Japan is allowed again to dominate the Chinese market underselling Chinese manufacturers.
The Federation urged a delay of resumption until after a peace treaty is signed. —United Press.

Floating Hotel For H.K.

A group of Shanghai and Cantonese businessmen is considering establishing a floating hotel in Hong Kong harbour, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

The ship they have in mind for conversion is the partially submerged 6,000-ton Japanese tanker now being raised by the Government salvage department.

The tanker, which the U.S. Air Force, based in China, hit more than three years ago is expected to be raised in a month's time.

It is believed to be in good condition, but even if it is sold to the interested parties, Government approval will still be necessary to turn the ship into a floating hotel.

POLICE STRIKE IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, July 28.
A citywide strike was called this morning following an incident last night in which two policemen were killed and seven policemen and a number of civilians wounded during a battle royal between military gendarmes and police at the Golden Castle cinema on Avenue Foch.
The incident arose over a dispute about cinema seats between a policeman and gendarme, after which both sides

Patrols fled in all directions while a large crowd was marooned inside the cinema until long after midnight.
Order was finally restored with the arrival of high military officers and the area was cordoned off while investigations were being conducted into the cause of the affray.

Police Walk Out

This morning, all traffic points throughout the city were deserted, while the police left their beats in protest against the high-handed military action.

It is understood that emergency measures are being promulgated to deal with the situation, while the negotiators are frantically endeavouring to effect a settlement and to persuade the police to return to their duties. —Reuter.

Armed Truce

(By FRED HAMPTON)

Shanghai, July 28.
What had every appearance of being an armed truce prevailed here tonight in the wake of the Golden Theatre slaying of six policemen and one civilian by the Chinese Military Police around last midnight.

Municipal Police struck this morning in protest at what has been termed a "massacre" and the strike was still in effect by nightfall, although "special officers" of Municipal Police reserves took over some traffic posts.

Major K. C. Wu planned an appeal to Municipal Police to return to their posts. During the evening, a crowd of Municipal Police stormed the theatre and wrecked the entrance foyer in an act of vengeance difficult to explain.

A few minutes later, photographer Hogan and myself reached the theatre and found the wreckers gone with the Shanghai Woosung gendarmes officers in charge.

Dispute Over Ticket

Military Police are a branch of the gendarmes. We found an English-speaking captain at the entrance and asked his version of this strange bloody business.
"There was a dispute over a ticket between a policeman and a civilian. As we were leaving the theatre we saw a truckload of Municipal Police weaving through a hot crowded street and jumped into a car following it through teeming miles of narrow streets deep in the Chinese section of the city.

He supplied the addresses of several places where the Military Police bivouacked. A quick check showed none had been attacked. As we were leaving the theatre we saw a truckload of Municipal Police weaving through a hot crowded street and jumped into a car following it through teeming miles of narrow streets deep in the Chinese section of the city.

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Special Reserve

Finally we followed it into a courtyard where we found three mourning women weeping. The angry policeman pushed their way inside where they lay on planks heads propped up grotesquely, were four of the victims surrounded by mourning relatives and friends in steaming smothering heat. Two sorrowing policemen led us through the mourners to a smaller room where two other victims lay, one with a severed arm which was not explained.

Nearly a weeping policeman exhorted the crowd and other policemen which brought to our minds a Mark Anthony oration, but being in Chinese we missed the precise meaning.
If Municipal Police fail to call off the strike there was a rumour the MPs might take over but this would be such an invitation to an open break that it seemed an unlikely expedient. Rather the Municipal Government expected to rely on a special reserve police force. —Associated Press.

Strike Over

Shanghai, July 28.
Shanghai Municipal Police at the urging of Mayor K. C. Wu, agreed to go back to work ending their brief strike in protest at what they termed a "massacre" in which six policemen and one civilian were slain by the Chinese Military Police. —Associated Press.

Wedemeyer Mission Statement

Nanking, July 28.
General Albert C. Wedemeyer and his advisers, who returned here this morning after a two-day stay in Shanghai, will spend the coming week in comparative study of material gathered thus far during their China fact-finding mission, the United States Embassy officially announced today. They will also collect additional information.

Data of value continues to come to the Wedemeyer group from two principal sources, the Embassy statement revealed.

"One is made up of those persons in all areas who write voluntarily with patriotic concern to General Wedemeyer, offering their information and their suggestions. The other source is made up of persons well acquainted with China's various problems, with whom individual members of the mission are initiating interviews.

"Through the combination of all these sources, a large amount of information has been assembled during the first week of the mission's stay in China." The statement said that a considerable number of facts were accumulated during General Wedemeyer's visit to Shanghai. "Some of these facts came through visits paid to the General by Chinese officials and business men, some through detailed reports prepared by the United States Consul-General, Mr. Monnet B. Davis, and some through individual members of the American business community in Shanghai.

"It may be possible to state once more that at this stage as in the past, the mission's purpose remains one essentially of fact-finding," the statement added. —Reuter.

Dutch Use Paratroops In Indonesia

Batavia, July 28.
Dutch paratroops were dropped at Lamadjang, near the west Java hill station of Bandung, an Indonesian Republican communiqué reported today, as the fighting in the Indies entered its second week.

Both the local population and the Republican Army attacked the paratroops, "exterminating one section of them," the communiqué said.

The Dutch, in their communiqué today, claimed the capture of the coal mines at Bukit Asam, south Sumatra, said to be the biggest open cast mine in the Indies.

The Dutch communiqué added that Netherlands troops captured a railway workshop at Lohat, the largest in Sumatra, where the Republicans were said to have been manufacturing rifles and British pattern Sten guns, and Tommy guns. —Reuter.

The Dutch announced they had captured the rich Sumatra oilfield town of Batoeradja, 80 miles southwest of Palembang. Batoeradja was seized intact without resistance, the announcement said, and asserted that the occupation of the Shell and Vacuum oil holdings there was being consolidated. The attitude of the remaining oilfield personnel "seems favourable."

The Republican communiqué asserted that Republican forces had scored new gains against the Dutch north of Jogjakarta, severing the line of communication between Galatia and Ambarsari forward points of a two-pronged Dutch thrust some 30 miles south of Semarang.

It also reported they had repulsed the Dutch north of Malang, east Java resort, and had recaptured the town of Sligohari, which is several miles north of Lawang, which is 12 miles from Malang, and the highwater mark

Europe Will Need US. Coal Till 1949

London, July 28.
The European fuel situation may be "not quite so critical" next winter as the last, but emergency imports of American coal if there are dollars to pay for them — probably will be needed until 1949, said a European coal organisation official.

"If the Marshall plan works, Europe probably will want all the 36,000,000 to 40,000,000 tons of coal that could be delivered from the United States in 1948," in an interview an official said. "Only by 1949, if the coal production problems of Germany and Britain have been solved in the meantime, can we expect a reduction in the demand for United States shipments."

The official, who asked not to be identified by name but is close to top level planning, said the 48-nation European Coal Organisation stressed that its negotiations for next winter did not include possibilities of increased coal output from Germany, Britain, soon to be discussed by the United States and Britain in Washington. The ECO, voluntary association

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Today's Events

July 29—Rotary Club Lunch. Capt. Monk on the "R.C.N.C."

Coming Events

July 30.—Annual meeting Sino-British Club, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8 p.m.
August 2.—Douglas S.S. Co. Ltd. annual meeting, 11 a.m.
August 7.—H.K. & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. annual meeting, 7 p.m.
August 7.—Inaugural meeting of H.K. Council of Women, YWCA, Duddell St., 5.15 p.m.
August 12.—H.K. & S'nal Hotels annual meeting, noon.

Wedding At The Cathedral

More than 300 guests were present yesterday evening at the wedding reception of Miss Jill Rosemary Stokes and Mr. Edmund Colin Lumscombe of the Hong Kong Police Force.

The ceremony took place in St. John's Cathedral and Dean Rose and Padre Lumscombe officiated.

The bride, who looked charming in a white-brocaded tulle gown, carried a bouquet of tuberoses and ginger roses. Her youthful bridesmaid, Miss Phyllis Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Harper, wore a dress of butterfly Marquise and carried a bouquet of yellow gladioli.

The bride was given away by her father Mr. Thomas G. Stokes and the best man was Mr. E. F. Wiseman of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company.

After the church ceremony the bride and bridegroom passed through an archway of candelabra held by the bridegroom's fellow officers.

At the Hong Kong Club Annex, where the reception was held, music was played by the Police Reserve Band.

Among those present were: The Hon. R. R. Todd, Mr. Williams, Police Judge, Mr. Sedgewick, Commissioner of Police Mr. D. W. MacIntosh and Mrs. MacIntosh, Deputy Commissioner Mr. De La Sparrow, Mr. and Mrs. Cowperthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. Major, Mr. G. D. Binstead, Mr. and Mrs. Biddem, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Heath, Mr. Shaffan, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Searle, Mr. R. P. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. B. Fay, Mr. R. Halg-Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Elston, Mr. and Mrs. Monkhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Rolph, Mr. and Mrs. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Leys, Dr. Fehilly, Mr. Mottram, Mr. Wilcoxon, Mr. and Mrs. Pittendrigh, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Chow, the Hon. Mr. T. W. Chow and Mr. S. W. Chow, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. D. Heath, Mr. F. Clemon, Mr. and Mrs. S. De Kantozy, Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. McI. Smith, Dr. Talbot and Mrs. Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. N. Buchanan, Mr. L. R. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore, Mr. Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. L. Whoni, Mr. and Mrs. Wulf, Mr. McWherter, Mr. N. Fraser, Mr. G. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Lee.

Chinese Wedding In Washington

Washington, July 27. With Ambassador Wellington Koo officiating, Counsellor Tawen Ling-tai was married at the Embassy last night to Miss Pauline Woo, daughter of a Nanjing physician, Dr. John Tien-eh Woo.

The bride is a niece of UNRRA Deputy Director, Dr. P. W. Kuo and Mrs. Kuo Kuo, who represented the family for the bride. Former Ambassador to China, Dr. S. K. Alfred represented the family of the groom.

Mr. Taul served with five ambassadors here, having started as secretary more than 14 years ago. He is son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chih Tung-tai.

Virtually all of the Chinese official community attended the ceremony.

Minister Dr. Shao Hwa-tan and Assistant Military Attache Col. Sh. Jun-pi Hsiao were inductees at the ceremony.

Mr. T. P. Wang, of the Chinese Air Force, was best man, and Miss Argeline Hsiao, bride's schoolmate, maid of honor.—United Press.

HONG KHENG GROUNDING ENQUIRY Club's Annual Meeting

Ship's Officers Give Evidence Before Court
Course Set Clear Of Point

The grounding and subsequent total destruction by fire of the 6,000 ton passenger and cargo vessel "Hong Kheng" off Chilling Point on the morning of July 19, had its sequel yesterday when a Marine Court of Enquiry was held at the Harbour Office to which her master, Captain Douglas Ronald Bannerman, and his officers and members of the crew as well as independent witnesses, were called to give evidence.

Captain Bannerman was in the box for two hours and was subjected to close questioning from the President of the Court. He was represented by Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones.

The owners of the ship, the Ho Hong S.S. Co., were represented by Mr. Kwan who held a watching brief on their behalf.

The Court comprised Mr. J. Jolly, C.B.E., Harbour Master (President), and Lieut. F. E. Neville Towl, D.S.C., R.N., and Captain R. E. Smith, Master Mariner (Members).

Shipping men took a keen interest in the proceedings and they were among the 15 to 20 spectators who watched the case from beginning to end.

The first witness called was the master of the "Hong Kheng," Captain Bannerman, who said he had been on the China Coast since 1938, and in command since 1935.

The "Hong Kheng" left Buoy A.4 at 6.30 p.m. Hong Kong summer time on the evening of July 18. At 7.30 p.m. she was off Taihook Dock, and at 8.42 p.m. at the South Nine Pins she set her course at N 75 E.

Anxious About Weather Captain Bannerman said he had set this course no less than 50 times between the Nine Pins and Chilling Point in the course of his career, and there had never been any accident.

On the night in question he checked with the deviation book and the scrap log book and decided to adhere strictly to this course without making any allowance.

Owing to the depression in the vicinity he was anxious about the weather, and he instructed the officer on watch to read the barometer not less than once every hour. At about 9 p.m. he went below, came on the bridge again at 10.30 p.m. The barometer then showed a tendency to rise, and the sky was clear. He then instructed the officer on watch to call him should the weather worsen, and reiterated his instruction to be called at 4 the next morning.

However, he awoke at 2.50 a.m. and went to the bridge to see how things were. The barometer was perceptibly rising by this time. He saw two white lights lying on the starboard bow, and upon asking the acting Chief Officer who was then on watch he was told they were vessels overtaking the "Hong Kheng." The second officer thought they were naval craft.

Rocks And Breakers Captain Bannerman then again left the bridge and repeated his instruction to be called at 4 o'clock.

At 3.40 a.m. he again woke up, and went on the bridge. He discussed with the acting Chief Officer about altering course, but after discussion he decided to remain on the present course until daylight.

At the time, on the starboard beam, about a mile or two away there was another vessel which he believed to be the "Orient City."

Captain Bannerman then told the acting Chief Officer he would take over the watch and asked him to write out the log book. The Chief Officer went to the port wing, and Captain Bannerman went to the starboard wing.

"Very soon after I was on the look-out I saw something in the passage which I could not make out at first; but on a second glance I noticed they were rocks and breakers on the starboard bow," said Captain Bannerman.

"I immediately shouted to the Chief Officer to stop what he was doing and come to have a look. He dashed across to me, and confirmed what I saw."

Hard Apport Order The Chief Officer suggested hard apport, to which I agreed, and he gave the order."

Asked by the President how far off his ship was when he saw the rocks of Rocks Island, and how soon he took action, Captain Bannerman said it was two cables off, and the time that elapsed between his first sighting of the rocks and his giving the order to the engine room for

full speed astern was fifteen seconds.

Captain Bannerman said he remained at the open window after the order for full speed astern was given, and saw more rocks ahead, in addition to those on the starboard bow. The ship then struck, apparently in line with the foremast. The bow and stern were swinging, but it was possible, with little effort, to free the ship.

"However," continued Captain Bannerman, "in view of the large number of passengers on the ship, I thought it was not right to tow her off in a sinking condition; and I decided instead to await developments. The engine had by then been stopped, and I decided to wait for assistance, both regarding disembarkation and salvage. I then made calls for assistance."

Gangway Flattened The first vessel that came to the "Hong Kheng's" assistance, said Captain Bannerman, was the Russian ship "Nadhodka" which came in response to a rocket signal. She anchored about a mile off and sent her chief officer over in a pulling dinghy.

About the same time HMS "Hart" appeared on the scene, and her First Lieutenant and a boarding party came on board the "Hong Kheng."

The position was discussed with regard to transferring the passengers to the Russian ship via HMS "Hart"; and with that end in view two attempts were made to get "Hart" alongside. This was not only unsuccessful but proved very costly for in this process the gangway of the "Hong Kheng" was flattened.

LAND AUCTION

The Hong Kong Match Factory, represented by Mr. Y. M. Wong, was the successful bidder at the public auction yesterday for Inland Lot No. 0004, comprising an area of about 13,000 square feet situated at Sheung Heung Road, Tokwawan, Kowloon.

The final bid made by the Hong Kong Match Factory was \$20,000, the upset price being \$1,300. The annual rental of the lot is \$478.

Intention in joining the "Caroline Moller" was to see what could be done in salvaging the "Hong Kheng," but at about 10 a.m. on the night of July 19 fire was noticed on the starboard forecastle, and in a short time the whole ship was a big blaze, and next morning it was still smouldering. He then returned to Hong Kong. He could give no reason for the fire.

Took No Soundings This concluded Captain Bannerman's evidence, and he was then questioned by the President of the Court.

Asked whether there was any sounding machine on the ship, Captain Bannerman said there was a Kelvin sounding machine but he took no soundings. He agreed that if soundings had been taken inshore sets might have been detected.

He was aware of tropical revolving storms, but in his experience a normal set of drift at this time of the year would be north-east and the amount would depend on local weather conditions.

He attached the greatest importance to Chilling Point. There was no light functioning and as far as he knew it had not been functioning since the Japanese occupation.

After leaving Nine Pins, visibility improved, and he estimated that at all times he could see within three miles. He believed there were low clouds over land. There were occasional rain showers.

Steering In Order The "Hong Kheng's" engine was doing 1 1/2 knots but owing to the weather the speed was probably 10 1/2 knots. The ship had two officers, a second officer who acted as first mate, and an extra second officer. The first officer had had an accident and was landed. He was perfectly satisfied with the efficiency of his officers.

After the grounding about one-third of the crew behaved in an exemplary manner, but the others just sat down and waited to be saved.

The ship's compass was tested and adjusted by Messrs. Goddard Douglas in Hong Kong in October 1946, and observations confirmed the deviation card supplied by the adjuster.

In answer to questions put to him by his own counsel, Captain Bannerman agreed the course he set was designed to take him 8 1/2 miles off Chilling Point. He had checked the steering and had found it in order.

When the rocks were sighted the ship was too close to turn to starboard. After she stranded there was 42 feet at the aft and 20 feet at the bridge front bulkhead.

This was his first stranding.

Readers' Letters

Buses Sir,—Now that I have at last got somewhere to live, and have to use the bus into town, I am beginning to understand the frequent complaints that appear in your correspondence columns.

About a week after I started to use the "Tai Hang" bus to and from the bottom of Kennedy Road, near the Methodist Church, into town I had occasion to speak harshly to a bus driver. I have a little girl aged three and she was nearly knocked down as we attempted to board the bus, which did not come to a full stop but persisted in edging forward—no

handicap to grown-ups, but making things extremely difficult for a youngster. I made the driver stop the bus and we got aboard safely.

Since then, I have found it difficult—at times impossible—to get these buses to stop for me at Kennedy Road. This happened a couple of mornings ago, when the bus roared past, then stopped at the next stop and took on six more passengers. I failed to take its number.

On Sunday night, however, at about 8.40 p.m. I was at the same stop, Bus No. 4104 refused to halt though there was plenty of room. The driver saw me waving, hooted his horn and roared on past. The same thing would have happened to bus 4127 10 minutes later. I was ready this time and managed to jump on board where he condescended to slow down slightly—he had to, or else

knock me down. These buses were crowded; both were on time. Both drivers must have seen me—if they didn't, they are so observant they ought to be taken off the road before they kill someone. Is it just general anti-foreignism, or is it that they are specially ganging up on me for the berating I gave that driver?

In any case, I would remind the China Motor Bus Co. it is operating a public utility and I have as much right to travel on the bus—much as I loathe travelling in these smelly, dirty contraptions—as anyone else.

BRITON.

Spitting Sir,—In defence of the unfortunate who have been arrested for spitting from the ferry launches, I hope you will help point out the following observation to your numerous readers. Nothing untoward is meant against anybody in particular; but this is surely calling for justice where due.

Not long ago, during the "Health Campaign" a medical officer in explaining the evil of spitting asserted that to spit into "running water, is not wrong." He went further to point out that "spitting is in fact a healthy habit." And that's from a medical authority!

After what I have seen, and after what I have heard, I wonder if justice has been done. In the first place, I saw a respectable man spitting, harmfully from my point of view because that was only a few drops, from a launch onto the sea. He unfortunately was seen and of course, arrested.

Then not long after that unpleasant incident, I saw a man in the same bus spitting mouthfully onto the floor and rubbed it dry with his clogs. And that's not all. During that 10-minute ride, he spat thrice.

The conductor and inspector were both indifferent. What could we, ordinary citizens, do then? For to "interfere" would inevitably lead to a one-sided brawl—an unpleasant scene for some classes—which would without doubt be to our detriment and embarrassment. He got away with it, nevertheless.

At some other times, I have seen people (Yes sir, foreigners and Chinese alike) spitting in theatres, on pavements and roads. Though some were seen by indifferent policemen, they all got away with it somehow.

But what made me boil was last week, when I saw with my very own eyes an officer of the same concern, which forbids spitting and has so far arrested a good number of offenders; himself brazenly spitting just at a corner of a gate—Justice, sir?

ONE WHO SAW IT!

Godown Coal Charge A head tallyman, three tallymen, and five No. 1 lightermen employed by the Kowloon Godowns were remanded for another week by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday in connection with the larceny of 15 tons of coal belonging to the Kowloon Godowns at Lai Chi Kok on July 10.

Ng Sui, 33, the head tallyman, was charged with the larceny, while Chan, (Hong, Ching, Shui, Zung, Nuei, tallymen) Chan Hui, Ho, Tien, Tan, Shau, Lin, and Ho, tallymen, were charged with the larceny.

Defendant said: "I am really sorry for what I have done, the sufferings I have caused the injured and the trouble that I have caused the police."

After the magistrate had imposed the fine of \$10, Reddish mentioned the question of compensation. Mr. d'Almada replied that he could not grant compensation as it might affect proceedings if any before a higher court.

Defendant said: "I am responsible for all this and I will stand in the matter myself."

Club's Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Sino-British Club will be held on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in St. John's Cathedral Hall. The election of officers and committee for the coming year will take place and there will be a discussion on any other matters that might come up.

The committee hope that all members will try to attend this meeting, which will afford an opportunity to discuss the future policy and programme of the Club at a time just after the conclusion of a successful and uninterrupted programme for the whole year.

Lectures given have covered a wide field, including British local and Colonial government, Manchukuo dynasty, Nanchao Kingdom, Chinese and British education, the foreigners' quest for China, Confucius, Chinese industrial co-operatives, Peiping, Chinese drama, art, emblem, painting, calligraphy, jade, porcelain, British humour, music, medicine, the New Territories, exhibition mines, minerals, recent history, the New Territories, exhibition of painting, antiques, dramatics, philately, visits to both Chinese and British theatres, broadcasting studios, and Brain Trust.

These lectures were delivered by a galaxy of over 40 speakers who were expressly invited for their qualifications on the subjects dealt with. The nationalities were almost evenly divided between British and Chinese speakers, with one American.

The series of coming lectures arranged by the Dramatics Group begins on August 12th with a lecture by Mr. Simpson on U.S. drama, followed (on Sept. 9th) by Mme. L. Pierre-Morant on French drama, Mr. Hooten on Italian opera, and other speakers (each speaking on his own national drama) on Russian, Portuguese, Burmese, Indian and Greek drama.

With the completion of this programme, the Club hopes another step towards broadening its activities to the goal of international understanding will have been reached.

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Sunday arrivals by Cathay Pacific Airways:—From Singapore—J. F. Haller, Mrs. D. D. Haller, Lui Chong, Mrs. J. M. Nuan, Clarkin, and Mrs. Clarkin, From Bangkok:—Chan, G. Ming, Mrs. Iui, Chul Lal, Slew Koh Chien, Bay Koi Ho, Han Ling Fung, Lee Kok Yin and Santiago Sanchez.

Yesterday's departures by Cathay Pacific:—Bangkok:—Chow Chelw, Chong, Chen Lich, Chiu Yick, Tow, Si Hong, Miss Tauburn and Tan Tick Min.

Singapore:—Reid and Ho Ping.

Speedbird Service To H.K.

A new and improved BOAC Speedbird flying-boat service between Hong Kong and the United Kingdom will begin operating on August 7.

It is officially announced that in future the twice-weekly route will be serviced by Plymouths, which means that 44 passengers can leave Hong Kong for Poole and intermediate ports every week.

The Hythe class flying-boats, which have a limited passenger and cargo-carrying capacity, are being withdrawn from the route.

Changes have also been made in the U.K.-Hong Kong schedules. As from August 7, the Plymouth aircraft from Poole will arrive in Hong Kong on Thursdays and Sundays and will depart for the United Kingdom every Wednesday and Saturday.

Departures of these aircraft from Poole will be Monday and Friday, and arrivals in United Kingdom from Hong Kong on Monday and Thursday.

A slight change is also being made in the Hong Kong-Singapore schedules. In future departures from Singapore will be on Thursday, with arrival here on Friday. Departures from Hong Kong remain the same, viz., Sunday, arriving in Singapore on Monday.

Teacher Who Didn't Teach Charged with obtaining money by false pretences, Lui Shu Ping, motor driver, pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and ordered to refund the five complainants \$50 each by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Inspector Brownrigg told the court that defendant had received from each of the five complainants the sum of \$50 for the purpose of teaching them all to drive.

Defendant was alleged to have kept putting them off with various excuses. The complainants got fed up and finally reported the matter to the police.

Defendant said that he had no intention of defrauding them; he had a car but it was out of order.

All the complainants were brought before the magistrate and warned that before receiving driving instruction they must first obtain a learner's licence through the proper channels.

Chan, Hing, 38, co-accused, was sentenced by Mr. Blair-Kerr to 14 days in prison for spitting outside the court. He was fined \$72 on Sunday.

There was a sequel to the Heung Yuen Village shooting on the night of July 22, when an armed man was arrested and another fatally wounded by a Police party led by S/1 C.G. Smith, when Tien Kwai-lai, 25, former, appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr on the charge of possession of a revolver and five rounds of .38 ammunition at Frontier Road. He was remanded for seven days in goal custody.

It will be recalled that a Police report issued at that time stated that Tien, in company with nearly 50 alleged rice smugglers, had been shot in the back when he was upon to stop by S/1 Smith. He was overpowered by Detective S/1 and a revolver found on him. Another man, tried to draw on the Police but was mortally wounded by Detective S/1 before he could

Personalia

The forthcoming wedding of Miss Margaret Maureen Bradbury, of the "China Mail" to Mr. Geoffrey Denis Hinstead, Assistant Superintendent of Police, is announced.

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Strong De Gaulle Attack On Communists

"The Unity Of France Is Imperilled"

Foreign Scheme Of Domination

Rennes, July 27. General Charles de Gaulle, head of the non-party "Rally of the French People," now claiming over a million and a half registered members, carried a stage further his campaign for a strong democratic government cooperating wholeheartedly with the United States with a speech here today, in which he accused the French Communist Party of seeking dictatorship, and constantly increasing France's difficulties with the sole aim of serving the interests of Russia.

Speaking to a huge crowd, General de Gaulle launched the most direct attack on the Communist Party made by any responsible French leader since the war.

"The unity of France," he declared, "is imperilled by a group of men whose leaders place service to a foreign state above everything else."

After explaining how he had tried to "draw the Communists into the national community" after the liberation of France, General de Gaulle said:

"Everything leads me to believe that those to whom the path of national service was thrown wide open have chosen to follow another path."

Foreign Scheme
"On our own soil, in the midst of us, there are men who have vowed obedience to a foreign scheme of domination directed by the masters of a great Slav power."

"The aim of these men is to set up a dictatorship in France as their like have done elsewhere with the support of that power."

After describing the efforts of the other allies to cooperate with Russia since she came into the war in 1941, General de Gaulle said: "Today, apprehension lies heavy on France. Two-thirds of the continent is dominated by Moscow."

General de Gaulle went on to say that Russia, "combining military and economic pressure with the internal action of men who are entirely at her orders," had brought a block of nearly 400,000,000 people in Europe "reaching to the borders of Sweden, Turkey, Greece and Italy, under her orders."

"The frontier of this bloc is only 300 miles from our own," he said.

Threat To France
"Within this bloc Russia crushes all opinion and all action not entirely subdued to her will, while in all the free countries she disposes of groups devoted to her interests."

"This state of affairs sooner or later threatens to imperil"

Marshall Wins Freedom House Award

New York, July 27. Mr. George C. Marshall, the Secretary of State, has been declared the winner of the 1947 Freedom House award for "projecting a plan for European reconstruction" which has "inspired in the peoples of Europe their first sense of hope that our civilisation could survive."

Praising "his wise statesmanship," the citation declares that the "scope, realism and far-sightedness" of Mr. Marshall's plan "is characteristic of the man."

His programme, it said, "sought no special privileges or advantages for America except those which would come to peoples everywhere from European stability, prosperity and peace."

—Reuter.

"JANE"



IRGUN RAID REUTERS

Jerusalem, July 27. For the second time in six weeks, Irgun gunmen raided Reuters' office in Tel Aviv, gassed newsmen and carried off typewriter, duplicator and stenograph.

The raiders forced their way into the office, while seven waited outside, and forced the workers to lie on the floor as they disconnected the teleprinter and carried the equipment to a waiting taxi.

—United Press.

Grain For Finland

Moscow, July 27.

Tass, official Soviet news agency, reported from Helsinki that the Finnish newspaper Tiekansan Sanomat has published a report that the Soviet Union had agreed to deliver to Finland 40,000 tons more grain before September than that provided for in the Soviet-Finnish trade agreement.

The report added that Finland had been able to buy only 35,000 out of the 80,000 tons of grain offered by Argentina.

Only one Argentine consignment had so far arrived. —Reuter.

72-Year Old Woman On World Flight

Los Angeles, July 28. Mrs. Esther Dower, who views her 72 years as no barrier to adventure, has bought a round the world plane ticket that will take her to London, Istanbul, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Manila, Guam, Wake, and Honolulu. She believes she is the first septuagenarian to circle the globe by commercial airline.

A British subject, she came to the United States in 1936 to retire, following the death of her husband, with whom she operated a London pub.

Four years ago she came to Los Angeles, and two years ago flying caught her fancy. She flew to London for a visit, and later crossed the United States several times by plane.

Recently she travelled to Tacoma, Washington, by air to visit relatives of her late husband.

She walked into the office of Pan American Airways here and put down a certified cheque for \$1,739.77 (\$434.18) — the amount of her world girdling ticket. Then she set about getting visas and taking the inoculations necessary before her departure.

"I want to get back to Los Angeles before winter sets in," she explained. "I couldn't live in London again, I'd rather end my days in Los Angeles. The people here are wonderful to me." —Associated Press.

SOVIET "NAVY DAY"

London, July 27. The Soviet Union observed Navy Day today in accordance with an order of the Day signed by the Minister of Armed Forces, Bulganin, which was broadcast by Radio Moscow.

Soviet ships were directed to fire salutes.

Pravda, in an editorial, said, "The peoples of the Soviet Union wish to see their navy still stronger and mightier, and will do everything in order that our Navy should have ships of all classes and types surpassing the best ships of foreign navies." —United Press.

Yugoslavia Refuses UNO Enquiry

Belgrade, July 27.

Yugoslavia today refused the United Nations Balkans Sub-Committee permission to enter Yugoslavia to investigate Greek complaints of frontier incidents.

The manoeuvres of the Greek Government in which the Sub-Committee of the Commission have got involved are an insult to the United Nations," Mr. Stanoye Simic, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, declared in a note to the head of the Sub-Committee.

The note said that the Greek allegations of incidents on July 6 and July 6 were "deprived of any foundation. On the very days mentioned 81 grenades were thrown from Greek territory on to Yugoslav soil," it said.

"Therefore the Yugoslav Government are mendaciously and systematically accusing their neighbours of actions of which they are themselves authors." —Reuter.

Burmese At MRA Assembly

Chaux-sur-Montreux, July 27.

The arrival of a Burmese delegation at the World Assembly of Moral Re-Armament, now nearing the end of its second week here, brought delegates from all countries to their feet in welcome today.

Daw Nyin Tha, a personal friend of the assassinated Burmese leader, U Aung San, said it was MRA's influence that had made him "draw a new battle-line in Burma — not that between left and right, but between right and wrong."

Francis Ah Mya, a leader of the Karen Hill people of Burma, said that the most difficult problem in Burma was that of achieving the unity of the country.

"We have come here to learn the answer," he said. —Reuter.

No Drinks On Day Of Hungary's Elections

Budapest, July 27.

The Hungarian Social Democrats and Communists — both government parties — launched their election campaigns with meetings throughout Hungary today in preparation for the general elections on August 31.

The Social Democrats held over 200 meetings and the Communists innumerable small meetings in towns and villages.

Zoltan Pfeiffer, Under-Secretary for Justice, and the Smallholders' Party's leader, has announced the formation of a new Hungarian Independent Party, which will be officially registered tomorrow.

The Smallholders, largest party in the government coalition, were split by the arrest of many of their leaders and the resignation of their Premier, Ferenc Nagy, after Soviet accusations of treason.

Strict regulations issued by the Minister of the Interior forbid

All alcoholic drink will be banned on election day. Prisoners of war will be allowed to vote even if they return after the elections are over.

The Social Democrats and Communists issued a joint declaration today, pledging themselves to avoid any possible reason for clashes between their parties during the campaign and to maintain a strong alliance within the framework of their coalition. —Reuter.

Now, Just Who Do They Mean?

Bucharest, July 27. The Political Council of the coalition parties today demanded dissolution of the opposition National Peasant Party and charged in a communiqué that Aulio Maniu's party planned the overthrow of the present regime with "help from foreign circles."

Maniu has been under house arrest since early July. Fourteen persons were seized on July 14 at Bucharest airport, reportedly as they were ready to board two ancient military planes for the Near East. The roundup of Peasant Party leaders, which began early in July, was last estimated to have included from 80 to 100 persons.

"The attempt of the National Peasant Party leaders to escape over the border constitutes a culmination of long terroristic activity on the part of Maniu's Peasant Party," the communiqué stated.

The plotters intended to "overthrow the legal order, establish an anti-people's regime, lessen the sovereignty of the state, and inaugurate a policy estranging Rumanian friendship with all 'free and peace-loving people beginning with Russia,'" the communiqué continued.

"Foreign Help"
The Peasant Party leaders, it said, "looked for help from certain foreign circles."

The Rumanian police have exposed two big new legionary organizations which kept in close touch with Maniu's Party and the Titi Petrescu group, according to local newspapers.

The first organization was created by Aurel Sergile, active member of Maniu's National Peasant Party in September 1945. The second was founded in 1947 by legionary Teodor Dumitrescu.

"Monty" Talks To Maori VC

Gisborne, N.Z., July 28. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, despite a crowded programme, talked for 45 minutes on Sunday with the father and three other relatives of the late 2/Lt. Temoana Ngarimu, only Maori winner of the Victoria Cross for valour.

At the express invitation of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, they were driven 80 miles to meet him.

The party learned from Field Marshal Montgomery little known facts concerning the Maori events leading to Lieutenant Ngarimu's exploit at the Tabaga Gap.

Field Marshal Montgomery left late on Sunday for Rotorua, where a great Maori reception will be held on Monday.

Field Marshal Montgomery conferred later with Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, who had driven over from Wellington. The Prime Minister said he had not completed his business with the Field Marshal previously and had taken this opportunity to conclude the discussions. —Associated Press.

French Nun Canonised

Vatican City, July 27. Pope Pius XII today canonised the French nun, Blessed Catherine Labouré, of the Sisters of Charity, bringing to an end a season of solemn ecclesiastical ceremonies which began last April.

The Pope entered St. Peter's greeted by a fanfare of trumpets and loud applause from the large crowd assembled for the ceremony. In the procession were 18 Cardinals, including Emmanuel Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, Emile Rogues, Archbishop of Rennes, and Eugene Tisserand, Secretary of the Congregation of Oriental Rites.

Three quarters of an hour later the Pope declared the elevation of Catherine Labouré to sainthood, and fixed Dec. 31 as her feast day.

The newly-canonised saint was born in the French village of Pain les Montiers on May 2, 1806 as the tenth of her parents' 17 children.

She entered a convent in 1830 and died on Dec. 31, 1876. She was beatified in 1939. —Reuter.

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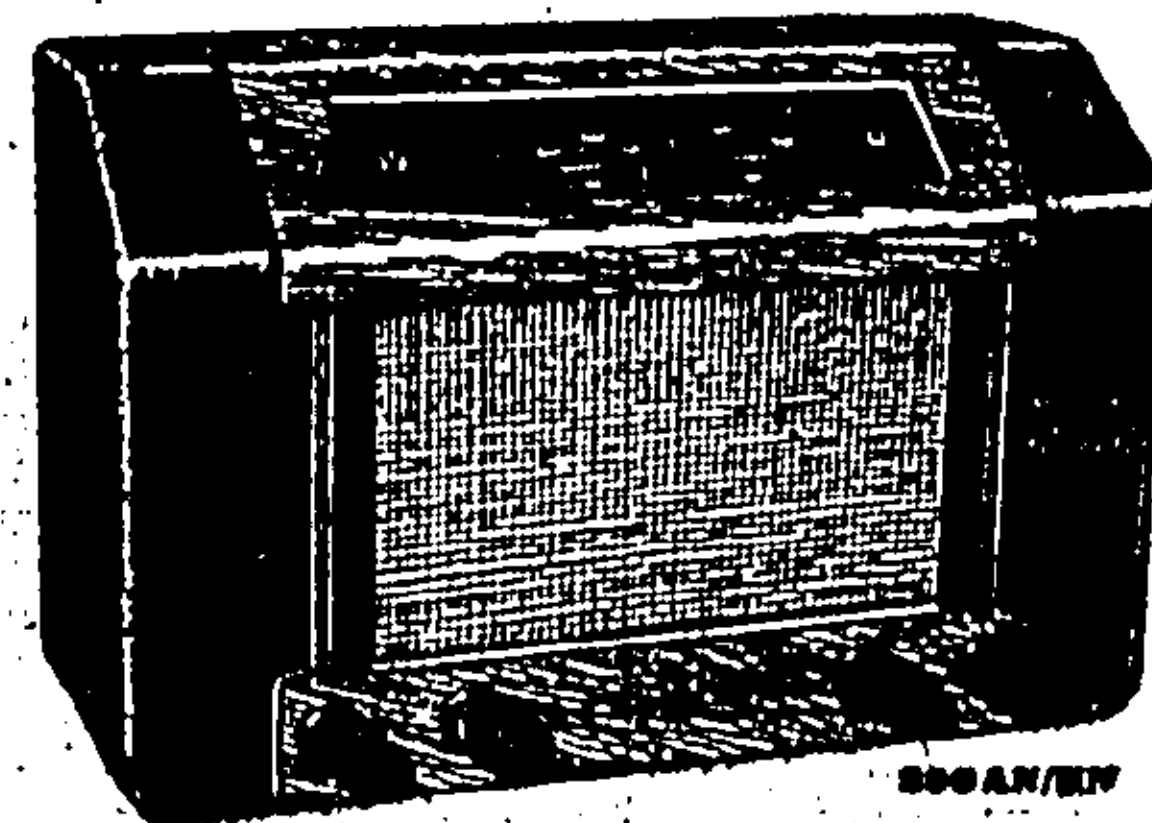
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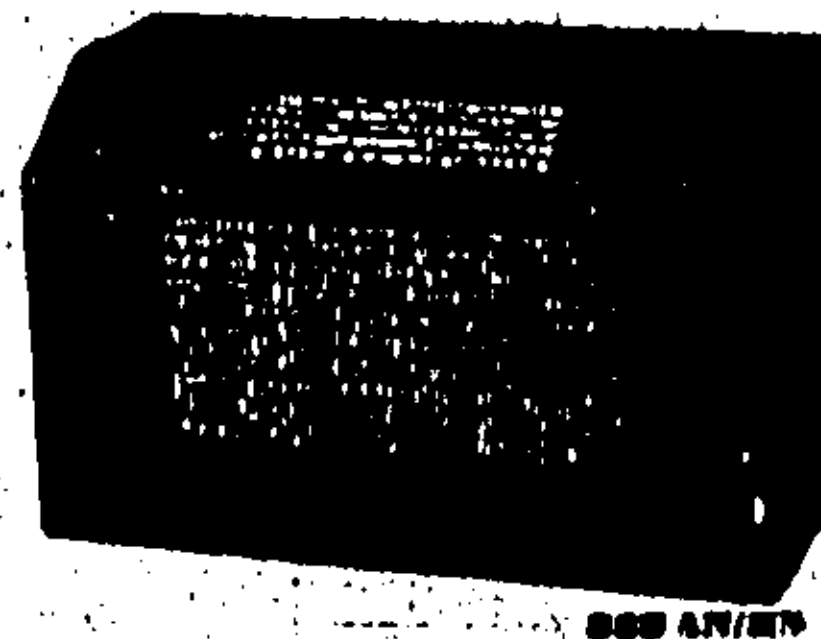
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BRITISH STORES DISPOSAL
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(HONG KONG).

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ON AND AFTER THE 30TH JULY, 1947.

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From Jordan Road	Every 20 minutes
6.20 a.m. — 7.40 a.m.	" 12 "
8.00 a.m. — 9.00 p.m.	" 20 "
9.20 p.m. — 11.00 p.m.	

From Hongkong	Every 20 minutes
6.20 a.m. — 8.00 a.m.	" 12 "
8.18 a.m. — 8.42 p.m.	" 20 "
9.00 p.m. — 11.00 p.m.	

MONGKOK FERRY SERVICE

From Mongkok	Every 20 minutes
6.20 a.m. — 7.00 a.m.	" 15 "
7.15 a.m. — 4.30 p.m.	" 12 "
4.42 p.m. — 6.30 p.m.	" 15 "
6.45 p.m. — 9.30 p.m.	" 20 "
9.50 p.m. — 10.50 p.m.	

From Hongkong	Every 20 minutes
6.30 a.m. — 7.30 a.m.	" 15 "
7.45 a.m. — 4.30 p.m.	" 12 "
4.42 p.m. — 6.30 p.m.	" 15 "
6.43 p.m. — 10.00 p.m.	" 20 "
10.20 p.m. — 11.00 p.m.	

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From Shamsui	Every 20 minutes
6.20 a.m. — 7.00 a.m.	" 15 "
7.15 a.m. — 9.00 p.m.	" 20 "
9.20 p.m. — 10.40 p.m.	

From Hongkong	Every 20 minutes
6.30 a.m. — 7.30 a.m.	" 15 "
7.45 a.m. — 9.30 p.m.	" 20 "
9.50 p.m. — 10.50 p.m.	

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From Hongkong	From Jordan Road
6.20 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 5.18 p.m.	6.40 a.m. 12.12 p.m. 5.00 p.m.
7.00 " 1.00 " 5.54 "	7.20 " 1.48 " 5.36 "
8.00 " 2.00 " 6.30 "	8.00 " 2.24 " 6.12 "
8.18 " 2.18 " 7.05 "	8.36 " 2.00 " 6.48 "
8.54 " 2.54 " 7.42 "	9.12 " 2.36 " 7.24 "
9.30 " 3.30 " 8.18 "	9.48 " 3.12 " 8.00 "
10.06 " 4.06 " 9.00 "	10.24 " 3.48 " 8.36 "
10.42 " 4.42 " 9.40 "	11.00 " 4.24 " 9.20 "
11.18 " 5.18 " 10.00 "	11.36 " 5.00 " 10.00 "

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THE HONGKONG & YAUWATI FERRY CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, 28th July 1947.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions from the Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction, commencing at 10 a.m., on THURSDAY, the 31st July, 1947, at—

MESSRS. LAMMERT BROTHERS' AUCTION ROOMS,
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128 LOTS OF MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES, comprising—
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The above-mentioned articles will be open for inspection at
their respective Godowns on 29th and 30th July, 1947, between
10 a.m. and noon and between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Inspection
Permits will be issued by the Undersigned at their Auction
Rooms.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published
in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette
Volume 2 No. 12, of 9th March, 1946.

LAMMERT BROTHERS,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 28th July, 1947.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Notice to Members

Double Tenth Race
Meeting, October 1947.

Tickets (at \$2.— each) for
the Special Cash Sweep on the
"Kwangtung Handicap" which
will be run at the above Meeting
can be obtained at the office of
the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Ex-
change Building, and also at
the Branch Office in Nathan
Road, Kowloon — over 50,000
Tickets sold to date.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that
David Abraham Arzoon, com-
monly known as A. David of
Stock Exchange Bldg. 7th
floor, is applying to the Gover-
nor for naturalization, and that
any person who knows any
reason why naturalization should
not be granted should send a
written and signed statement of
the facts to the Colonial
Secretary, Hongkong.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES HOLDING P. & O. S. N. CO. A. BILLS OF LADING

Messrs. Goddard & Douglas
will attend at 10 a.m. on Mon-
days and Thursdays within the
free storage period to survey
damaged cargo, and consignees
are requested to have their
representatives present. Unless
consignees' representatives are
present at the Survey no claims
can thereafter be admitted.

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THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Annual
Meeting of the Members of this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thurs-
day the 7th August, 1947, at
Noon, to receive the Report of
the Board of Directors and
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December,
1946, to elect Directors and to
appoint Auditors.

NOTICE is also given that
the Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
24th July, 1947, to the 7th
August, 1947, both days inclu-
sive.

By order of the Board of
Directors.

CHAS. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th July, 1947.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company will be
held at the Office of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
on Thursday, 7th August, 1947,
at 12.30 p.m., or at such time as
the Ordinary General Meeting
to be held at the same place at
Noon shall terminate, for the
purpose of considering and if
thought fit passing the follow-
ing as Special Resolutions,
viz:—

(1) That the Authorized
Capital of the Company (which
is now \$8,000,000.00 consisting
of 160,000 shares of the
nominal value of \$50.00 each,
of which 90,000 shares have been
issued), be increased to \$50,
000,000.00 by the creation of
840,000 additional shares of the
nominal value of \$50.00 each,
and that such shares be issued
at such a time or times and
upon such terms as the Com-
pany's Board of Directors in
their absolute discretion shall
think fit.

(2) That Article 19 of the
Company's Articles of Association
be cancelled, and the follow-
ing substituted therefor:—

"19.

Notwithstanding any of the
provisions these Articles of
Association no Shareholder shall
without the sanction of the
Directors be entitled at any time
to be registered as the holder of
more than one-tenth of the
Capital of the Company issued
for the time being. Provided
nevertheless that the registra-
tion of a transfer of shares
whereby the holding of any
Shareholder is increased beyond
the said amount shall be con-
clusive evidence that the sanc-
tion of the Directors to such in-
creased holding has been given
but shall not be evidence that
the Directors have sanctioned
any further increase by such
Shareholder in his holding."

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN
that if the above resolution No.
(1) is duly passed as a Special
Resolution, it is the intention of
the Board of Directors in ac-
cordance with the terms of the
Special Resolutions passed on
the 7th day of March, 1936, to
offer as soon as possible after
the 7th day of August, 1947,
70,000 new shares of the nomi-
nal value of \$50.00 each, being
the present unissued Capital of
the Company, together with an
additional 20,000 new shares of
the nominal value of \$50.00 each
in accordance with the terms of
the above Resolution, making a
total of 90,000 new shares of
the nominal value of \$50.00
each to the persons who on the
7th day of August, 1947, are
registered in the Company's
Share Register as the holders of
the 90,000 issued shares in the
Capital of the Company.

in the proportion of
one new share for each share
held by them respectively, at a
premium of \$50.00 per share,
and to propose the following
further Special Resolution:—

"(8) That the aforesaid 90,000
new shares shall be issued
subject to the following condi-
tions:—
(i) The amount due for
such new shares shall be pay-
able as follows:—
(a) On acceptance of the
offer—\$50.00 per share, being
half the nominal value of \$50.00
per share plus half the pre-
mium of \$50.00 per share.
(b) On the 30th June, 1948
(Continued of page 1st Col.)

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that an Interim Divi-
dend of \$2.0.0. per share (net
after deduction of Hong Kong
Corporation Profits Tax) has
been declared in respect of the
year ending 31st December
1947, at a rate of 1/2 27/32d.
per Dollar.

THIS DIVIDEND WILL BE
PAYABLE on and after
MONDAY 11th August at the
offices of the Corporation, where
Shareholders are requested to
apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF
SHARES of the Corporation
will be closed from MONDAY
28th July to SATURDAY 9th
August (both days inclusive)
during which period no transfer
of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. MORSE,
Chief Manager



CABLE & WIRELESS LIMITED

For the convenience of Kowloon
residents and air-passengers, an
Office for the reception of
telegrams to all parts of the
world has been opened in the
Main Hall of the Peninsula
Hotel.

HOURS OF OPERATION.

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily including
Sundays and Holidays.

DEPOSITORS wishing to avail
themselves of this facility may
do so on application to the
Branch Accountant at our main
office Union Building (Ground
Floor) Hong Kong.

—the balance of \$50.00 per
share, being the remaining half
of the nominal value plus the
remaining half of the premium.

(c) Payment of the sum of
\$50.00 per share on acceptance
of the offer shall be deemed to
be the first call on such shares,
and the balance of \$50.00 per
share shall be deemed to be the
balance payable, within the
meaning of Articles 34 to 43 of
the Company's Articles of Asso-
ciation.

(ii) Subject to payments
being made on the due dates,
such new shares shall rank as
partly paid shares from 1st
January, 1948, and as fully paid
shares from 1st July, 1948,
participating in dividend for
the period 1st January, 1948,
to 31st June 1948, to the
extent of one quarter, and
for the period 1st July, 1948,
to 31st December, 1948, to the
extent of one half the amount de-
clared for existing shares in
respect of the year 1948, and
thereafter ranking for dividend
and in all other respects pari
passu with the existing shares
of the Company.

(iii) That where the share-
holder so desires, the full sum
of \$100.00 per share may be
paid up on acceptance of the
offer, and in such event, any
shares on which the full sum
shall have been paid up shall
rank for dividend and in all
other respects pari passu with
the existing shares of the Com-
pany as from 1st January,
1948."

The offer will be made by
Notice sent by post to each
shareholder, specifying the
number of shares to which the
shareholder is entitled, and such
offer, if not accepted either on
behalf of such shareholder or
his nominee on or before 31st
December, 1947, will be deemed
to be declined.

Any of the shares which shall
not be taken up by the Com-
pany's Shareholders in manner
aforesaid shall be disposed of in
such manner and at such time
or times and upon such terms
as the Company's Directors shall
in their absolute discretion see
fit.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS.

CHAS. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th July, 1947.

VIET NAM CLAIM OF FRENCH LOSSES

"PORTSEA" ON SHOW

London, July 27.
Britain's newest double-
deck flying boat, the Portsea,
has been on display to the
public today.
The Portsea, one of the
Plymouth class now coming
into service on the British
Overseas Airways Corpora-
tion's India and Far Eastern
routes, weighs nearly 30 tons,
has accommodation for 22
passengers, and cruises at 170
miles an hour.—Reuter.

Salon, July 27.
Vietnamese military sources claimed that French
casualties during the past six months' fighting
in Indo-China totalled 88,000.

The first Viet Namese official review of the "gains
and losses" published in the organ of the Re-
sistance Committee of Cochinchina said:

"In the last six months the
French losses were: 26,000
killed, 51,000 injured, and
11,000 captured prisoners of
war."

The review added that the
Viet Namese losses were in the
proportion of one in 60 of the
French losses.

The statement continued:
"Furthermore, the following
categories of French supplies
were destroyed in Cochinchina:
Six aeroplanes, 20 tanks, 900
lorries, 90 boats, 108 railway
waggons and four engines, 4,180
metres of railway track."

It also claimed the destruction
of large quantities of telegraph
lines, barrels of gasoline, rubber
plantations, bales of rubber and
factories of latex.

"The destruction throughout
Indo-China is three or four
times the figures for Cochinchina," the review stated.

Re-Conquest Plan
Destroyed
"We have destroyed the
French programme of re-
conquest of Cochinchina. All
the Viet Namese people are
united behind Dr. Ho Chi Minh
and our liberation movement is
sustained by all the democratic
peoples of the world."

"Meanwhile, the French have
only some traitors who support
them outside the country," the
statement concluded.

The Viet Nam Salvation
Army has appealed to the World
Protestant Congress meeting in
Oslo to send a delegation to
Viet Nam in order "to defend
Divine Justice."

The message which, according
to the Viet Nam Radio, was
sent in the name of Dinh Van
Tat, a member of the Viet Nam
branch of the International
Salvation Army, also requested
the Oslo Congress to denounce
the French atrocities in Viet
Nam and pray for an early in-
dependence for Viet Nam."

Thirty Viet Namese delegates
are attending the World Federa-
tion of Democratic Youth meet-
ing at Prague, the Viet Nam
Radio disclosed.

The radio stated that the
Central Executive Committee of
the Viet Nam Youth — repre-
senting more than 900,000 mem-
bers — sent a message of
"fraternal greetings" to the
Prague Congress.—Reuter.

Valuable Data
Under the glare of arc lamps,
newspaper cameramen, photog-
raphers, television operators and
radio microphones recorded the
scene.

Exactly in the same spot where
the Library of Congress rears its
slim pillars today, the library and
"Widow Springs" boarding house,
where a young, lean Congressman
from Illinois, called Abraham
Lincoln, had a spare room and
board.

Historical experts do not expect
any great revelations to emerge
from the documents, but they are
looking for valuable data to fill
in details of the career and pri-
vate life of America's most re-
vered historical figure.—Reuter.

TRADE PACT
Sofia, July 27.
Government circles reported
today that a trade agreement
has been signed with Austria.

The "agreement for the ex-
change of goods and payments"
resulted from conversations in
Vienna in May, according to
the officials.—United Press.

Food Incentive To Ruhr Miners

Berlin, July 28.
American and British occupation authorities offered
the hungry miners of Germany's Ruhr a
tempting food hand-out today if they get out
more coal for the rusting industry of Europe.

In the first stage attacking the
all-important Ruhr problem, on
which the fate of Europe may
hinge, an Anglo-American an-
nouncement said production tar-
gets would be set and each miner
in the mines that most would
get (1) a 10-in. package, like
the wartime GI ration, contain-
ing 40,000 calories; (2) the pro-
mises of normal rations—never
kept—would now be honoured;
and (3) part of the foreign ex

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"COMEDY STAGE" COURTS Solicitor's Remarks In Kowloon Undercover Men's Admission

Prince Edward Rd. Robbery

An armed robbery at 168 Prince Edward Road, first floor, on April 1 when the inmates were relieved of jewellery, clothing and \$396.65 cash was revealed in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court at Kowloon yesterday when Fung Kwong and Leung Yui were arraigned on the charge of armed robbery.

On the Crown, represented by DSI D. S. Roberts, withdrawing the charge against them, Ip Chuen alias Ng Tai and Lee Hung were discharged by His Worship.

Outlining the facts of the case, DSI Roberts said that at about 3 p.m. on April 1, three married women (Yu Cheung-chuen, Po So-lin and Chan Ying-ling) were on the floor when they heard someone knocking at the door and asking for Mr. Tang.

They opened the door, and were immediately confronted by four men, two of whom were armed with a revolver each and one with a dagger. After hearing the women into the front room, the intruders ransacked the place and decamped with jewellery, cash and clothing. They remained on the floor for about 45 minutes, said DSI Roberts.

The women were afraid to leave the room even after the robbers had gone, and it was not until the return of their husbands at about 9 p.m. that a report was made to the Police. On July 7, said DSI Roberts, a Police party led by himself and including Detectives Mak Shing-fai, Wong Muk-lin and Cheung Yip, arrested the first accused in the Tai Cheong Ten-house at Lai-chikok Road. On information supplied by him, the Police party went to 222 Main Street, third floor, Shaikwan where second defendant was arrested.

When a search at Fung's cubicle at 69 Yeung Chung Street, second floor, was made a revolver and some pawn-tickets relating to some of the stolen property were found. Hearing will be continued to-day.

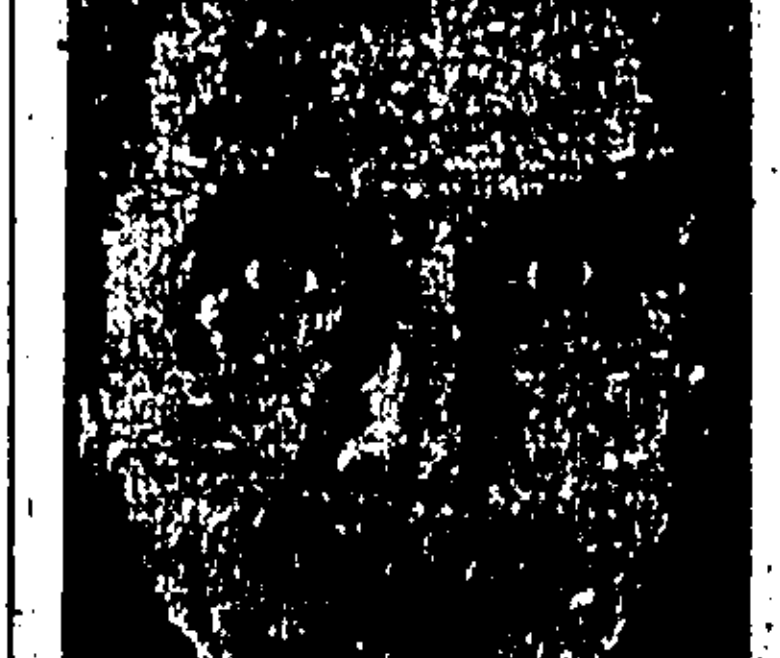
-WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Public subscriptions received on July 29, 1947:
Anonymous \$100, Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Russell (in memory of Mr. Norman Russell) \$25, Mrs. G. A. Leiner \$25, \$20, Total \$160, Hong Kong Government Contribution \$150, Received to July 25, 1947 \$2,326,771.86; Grand Total \$2,327,071.86.

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FIRST EPISODE



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When two undercover men for the Hong Kong Police, admitted, in the course of their cross-examination, that they had given false information under oath "on instructions," Mr. Marcus da Silva requested His Worship to bring the matter to the attention of the Attorney-General.

The two witnesses were Wong Yui-shing and Tse Yiu-wing alias Lam Yiu who gave evidence in the case against Dr. Lim Ek-quee (represented by Mr. Silva) and Ho Chui (defended by Mr. A.S.C. Comber) on the charge of conspiring to use Dr. Lim's position as Medical Officer-in-Charge of the Shamshuipo Public Dispensary to demand from patients and prospective patients in order to obtain preferential treatment.

In reply to Mr. Silva, Wong Yui-shing admitted having given 10 Tai Nam Street as his address when he gave evidence at a previous hearing when Dr. Lim was charged with obtaining a bribe of \$3. The reason why he did not give his proper address, said witness, was because he was doing secret work. Mr. Silva: "Because you are doing secret work you are prepared to give on oath a false address, on instructions or otherwise?" "It was not a totally false oath."

Mr. Shaftin's Word

"Will you give your very interesting definition of what you mean by not a totally false oath?" "As far as the address is concerned."

Pressed, witness declared that the Spring Garden Lane address was the correct one, and that on the way to the Public Dispensary he was instructed by DSI V. M. Morrison to "give any random address."

Mr. Silva: "I have it from Mr. Shaftin, who is a gentleman and whose word is absolutely reliable, that no such instructions have been given." When witness insisted that the false address was given "on instructions," Mr. Silva requested Mr. W. H. Latimer to make a note of the question and answer and to bring the matter to the attention of the Attorney-General.

In reply to Mr. Comber, witness said that Ho Chui did not ask him for \$3 but told him to pay it to the Doctor when he tendered that amount after obtaining a special ticket.

Tam Nam-oi, a woman patient, recalled for cross-examination, stated that when she was about to enter the Dispensary on May 23 she was stopped by a man wearing spectacles (identified as Tse Yiu-wing) who told her that there were no more tickets. She took out a notebook and began to enter her name and address in it. He went on to tell her that he was a Policeman and asked how many times she had paid for consultation.

No Instructions

Another female patient, Cheung Yuk-lin, in reply to Mr. Silva stated that she went to the Dispensary at about 9 a.m. on May 24 to see about her young daughter's pneumonia. She did not get any tickets that day, she said, but had her name and address entered by Tse. After questioning her, she said, Tse told her that she would be questioned by a European and that she was to answer his questions.

When he told her that she was to appear in Court to give evidence, said witness, she replied: "I do not want to go to Court to become a witness." She finally agreed to testify because Tse told her "You cannot refuse."

After evidence of the search and arrest of Dr. Lim and Ho had been given, DSI V. M. Morrison stated, in reply to Mr. Silva, that he did not instruct Wong to give the Court a wrong or random address.

Before cross-examining Tse Yiu-wing, Mr. Silva informed His Worship that witness gave his name as Lam Yiu when he was testifying against a Health Inspector at the Central Magistracy. In another case, said Mr. Silva, accused was responsible for the conviction of the accused person when he declared that he was not

Saw 'A Thing' Over Kowloon

Despite the jests of unbelievers, Mr. Higgins, fourth engineer of the salvage tug "Caroline Moller," swears that he saw a flying saucer over Hong Kong yesterday. His statement is backed by Mr. Woods, the third engineer, who also saw it.

"I always thought these flying saucers were a joke," he said yesterday. "Now I just don't know what to think!"

Both men came up on deck shortly before 8 o'clock yesterday. Higgins glanced up at the sky and there, in a cloudless patch was—the Thing. What was it?

"It was circular, like a saucer, and shone very brightly, though this may have been reflected light," said Higgins. "It was travelling extremely fast over Kowloon. I dashed up onto the bridge and checked course roughly with the compass. It was going west-north-west."

"Woods saw it, too. It seemed to be descending slowly as it disappeared over the hills, but this may have been a trick of vision. Just before it went out of sight, I saw it end-on; it had a dark, narrow rim."

Both men have had their legs pulled unmercifully. Higgins stresses that he did not go ashore Sunday night, and his head and vision were quite clear yesterday morning, thank you! The Royal Observatory confirmed that it could not have been their meteorological balloon as this was not released till 8.30 a.m., the duration of flight being six minutes. So far as could be ascertained, no balloons were released by Service weathermen at that particular time.

Biggest Divan In Kowloon

When a Police party, under Det. Sub-Inspectors J.R. Sykes and C. Pope, raided 997 Canton Road, first floor, on July 26 they found what S/I Howarth described as "one of the largest opium divans in Kowloon."

Mak Cheuk, 28, who admitted to being the keeper was fined \$800 on the keeping charge and \$50 for possession of 4.5 mace of prepared opium when he appeared before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. Notice of his conviction will also be sent to his landlord.

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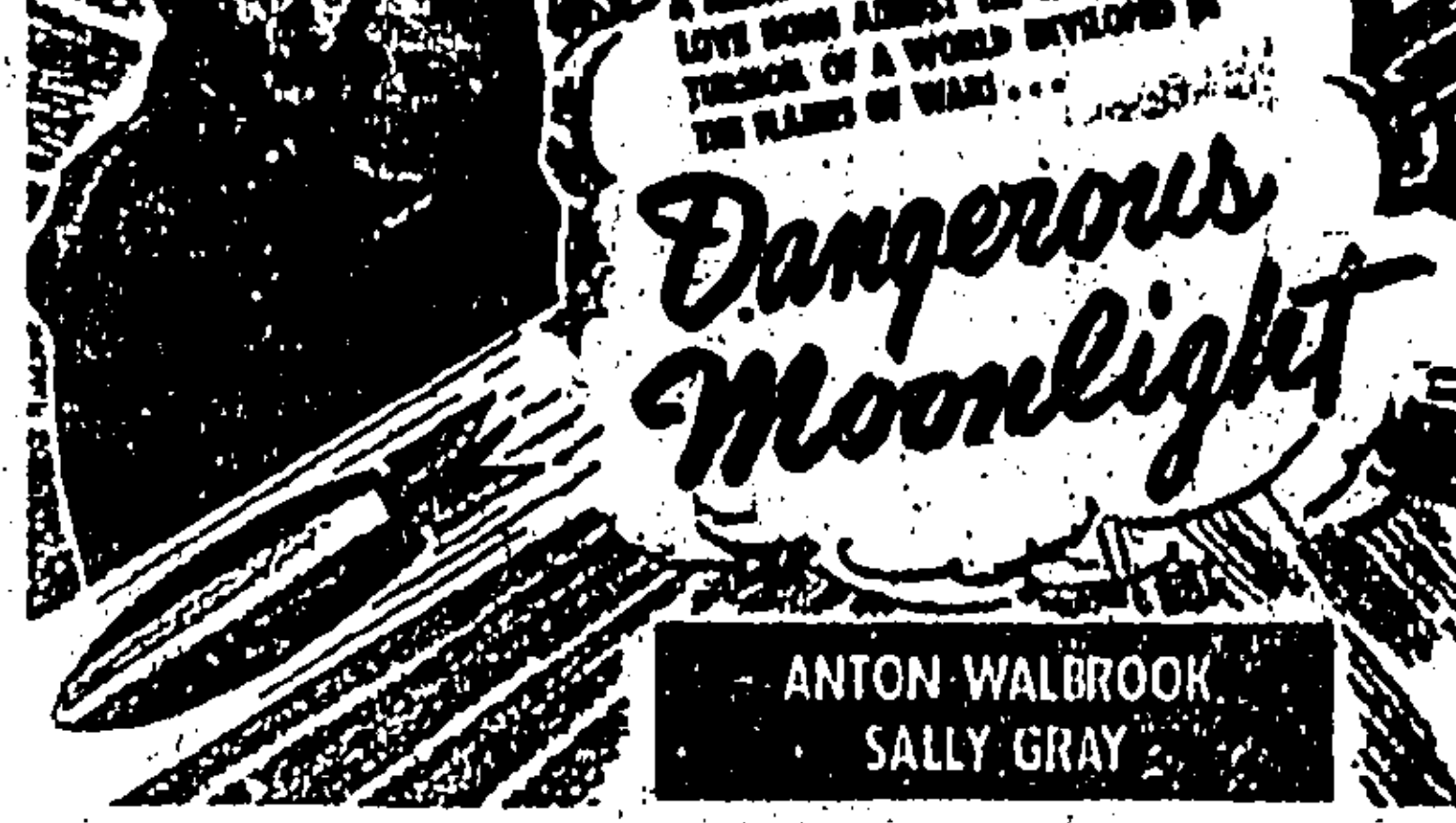
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WHAT'S WRONG AT STANLEY?

The riot in Stanley Gaud, revealed on Sunday and described euphemistically by the Government spokesman as an "internal incident," would reflect seriously on the prison control system if it were an isolated incident. Instead it is but the latest of a long series, some of which have come into the limelight of publicity and some have not. Behind Stanley's high walls, as the disclosure of the discovery of scores of concealed weapons, clearly reveals, much has been going on that should be impossible under proper supervision. There have been several stabbings: more than one escape; and one large-scale escape organised initially by exchanges of convict attire and numbers so that a complete check-up was necessary to enable the prison authorities to ascertain which prisoners had made a successful break and who were wearing their clothes. That there should be scope for such a conspiracy is bad enough; that it could have been successfully carried out suggests a state of affairs requiring public investigation. The need would seem to be heightened by the new discovery of large numbers of potential weapons, hidden within the precincts of the gaol, and believed to be connected with plans for another mass gaol break. If we hesitate to press for such an inquiry, as an urgent matter, it is merely because a new Commissioner, Mr. W. Shillingford, has so recently taken up his appointment that it is reasonable to give him an opportunity to find out what is wrong at Stanley and to take the necessary measures, or submit his recommendations to high levels, in an effort to put things right. Doubtless, one of his findings will indicate conditions somewhat similar to those which are diminishing the efficiency of the Police Force. He will find that the number of the Prison Officers on whom he naturally must rely, the European contingent, is seriously inadequate, that they are overworked and underpaid. He will find dissatisfaction widespread, and on some of the reasons for the discontent it may be difficult to put a finger. To find the appropriate remedies, especially if finance is involved, may call for the utmost ingenuity and energy. But it needs to be attempted. Before the war, prison officers at Stanley were, by and large, a normally happy family. Until that desideratum re-obtains, the public is placed in a most uncomfortable position; ready to be astonished by nothing.

COLONIAL PROGRESS

After an eight-year pause in its annual reports the Colonial Office has much to tell of the extent to which an energetic post-war policy is exploiting opportunities which had to be neglected between 1939 and 1945. Seven years' leeway in recruitment for the Colonial Service, has been made up, thanks to an "almost overwhelming" response to the appeal for candidates. Training for future administrators began last year at both Oxford and Cambridge, and the type of man who used to be drawn to the Indian Civil Service is now turning his eyes to the Colonial Service. To the general population of the Colonies, the wide constitutional developments which have occurred; for instance in Malaya, Jamaica, Ceylon and Malaya and are nearing implementation in Hong Kong, represent the most striking but not necessarily the most important development. All these Colonies contain relatively advanced populations. The constant encouragement of responsible local government in African territories, necessarily more backward and varying greatly in pace, is the prelude (it might be said) to the prelude to self-government by coloured people on a large scale, such as native Africa has hitherto not known, apart from the dubious example of Liberia. Education sufficiently widespread to make native democracy workable in Africa is obviously not yet in sight. But the plans now being

It Was One Of Those Chinese Rumours.
It Was Useless Trying To Argue It Down

VIGNETTE FROM A PEKING REFUGEE CAMP

By Anthony Ullstein

The heat was like a dusty rag over your face, but when we got to the refugee camp outside Peking, the wind rose and it started to rain in big luxurious pellets. Taking shelter within the gate we did not at first notice the lone Chinese farmer standing out in the open, letting the rain gladden his bare muscular torso and outstretched palm. This was the first real rain after a long drought that had cut the wheat harvest by more than half, and there was something baffling about the muggy way the refugee traced the water on his palm with a forefinger, and rowled at the prodigious clouds, as if he resented them. By rights he should have been grinning with delight. I couldn't understand it.

"I meant to ask him about that, but when he joined us under the corrugated iron sheet and accepted a cigarette—after politely refusing twice—it was he who spoke first. He was one of the refugees from the Communists, and he asked whether I had 'come back' to recapture his village from the 'Balu'."

"He thinks you are an American Marine," my translator said, "because you wear khaki."

Through the window of the ruined one-time cotton factory behind us we could see old men lying on straw mats and women suckling their babies. They were all of the land-owning class, and had escaped from the district of Chi, 60 miles away, when the Communists attacked and the government forces withdrew. Now the talk among the Chinese in Peking was that the American Marines, who had left China two months ago, were due back any day to chase off the Communists.

"Where did he hear this about the Marines, coming back?" I asked.

"It was whispered to him before he fled from the Balu," the translator said. "He says it was whispered not by one person but by a hundred."

"Why should Americans fight a war against the Balu?" the farmer stopped drying his chest and arms and looked at me quizzically. "Is America not China's ally?"

"But don't you know that America cannot meddle in the internal affairs of China?" The shrewd wrinkles on his broad tanned face multiplied, and he smiled as if to let me know he appreciated my making sport of his ignorance, but he was not quite as ignorant as I took him to be.

"If America does not want to meddle, why did she send Marines to China the last time?" he asked; and little sounds of relish at seeing the foreigner teased so conclusively at a game of logic rose from the other refugees who, by this time had clustered around us. It was one of those Chinese rumours. It was useless trying to argue it down.

I meant to ask him why he resented the rain, which was now beating on the iron sheeting overhead and being gulped down by the parched fields all round; but my translator, who has a sociological turn of mind, squarred off for a brisk, business-like questionnaire on the man's background.

"His name is Li," he finally announced. "He is 48. His father was poor. This is the first time he left the villages of Chihai."

"What does he think of Peking's big buildings?" I asked.

"That is not important," my translator said. "But if you wish I will ask him."

"Oh, never mind," I said. "It isn't really important."

"At the age of 15 he joined a grain store as an apprentice," the translator continued. "At the age 25 he bought his first now of land. At the age of 27 he married. His wife, being an old fashioned woman, has bound feet and no name of her own. They have two young sons and two young daughters."

"I hope his daughters have wonderful names like Jade Lotus or Fragrant Hymn, or something," I said.

plained lamely. "To make the mother feel better about her having no name."

"It is extremely impolite to ask him the names of his daughters," the translator said. "When the Communists attacked Chihai he fled to Peking with his wife, and his two sons and two daughters. And his pony and his mule."

"Why did you run away from the Communists?" I asked the farmer.

"He made a slitting motion with his hand across his neck. The men around us voiced their assent.

"Why did you think the Communists would kill you?"

"The Communists regard us as rich people. They hate us. They want to give our land to the poor."

"Do you think the Communists are right if they want to give some of your land to the poor?"

"You have a good shirt," he told me. "Do you want to give away your shirt? I have worked 20 years for my land."

"Did you take away any money?"

His answer came in Chinese that I couldn't make out, and my translator explained that he had no faith in paper money and had converted all of it into a stock of 6,000 catties of wheat, 3,000 catties of millet, and other corn. He had to leave it all behind because the government troops commandeered his pony and mule to carry their own supplies.

"I worked for my land 20 years," the farmer said. Then he flung out an arm and said something, almost vehemently, that I again couldn't make out.

"What did he say?" I asked the translator.

"He said something about the rain. I don't understand what he means."

I wasn't going to be browbeaten this time. "What about the rain? Doesn't he like the rain?"

"Before, I had land; there was no rain," the farmer said. "Now there is rain, but I have no land." "Ask him to tell us about the drought in his hsi'en," I said.

"All spring, and all summer up to now, there was no rain," the farmer said. "Every day I went out to my land, and the wheat did not grow. The harvest was not so good."

When a Northern Chinese says not so good—pu-ta-hao—that means it's pretty bad.

"Now the kaoliang is as high as the waist," the farmer said. "Kaoliang is a long-season crop," my translator supplied. "It comes after the wheat."

"Soon the kaoliang will be as high as the shoulder," the farmer said. "With rain like this it will be as high as the shoulder. But I cannot go back to harvest it. I don't know who will have the luck to harvest my kaoliang."

He gazed silently at the rain that drenched the sparse cotton field and was beginning to swirl through the dry gully. He seemed more upset about the rain coming, too late for him, than he was about his lost stock of wheat and millet. He was like a man robbed of more than his possessions. It was as if he'd been denied his very function in life.

My translator was now busy questioning a woman, and told me that this was Li's wife. She looked much more worn than he, but less unhappy, despite her having no name.

"She says they sold the mule when they first came to Peking," he said. "They got \$500,000 for the mule. They succeeded in getting a residential permit to enter Peking because they had this money. In six days the money was gone. In this camp each adult gets a catty of millet per day and each child half a catty. She says it is not enough and everybody is hungry."

"Will you sell your pony too?" I asked the farmer.

He nodded, looking out into the rain. He seemed to have lost interest in me as a self-confessed non-Marine.

"I would go into the city with my children to beg," the woman said. Beside her was a girl of about 10, probably her daughter. There was a red ribbon in her hair. "But in the city people have nothing to spare even for their neighbours in this bad year."

As suddenly as it had begun, the rain subsided, and the farmer Li walked over across the gully to the cotton field. It seemed that in the stance of his whip-cord body, as he touched the earth between the rows of anaemic cotton plants, there was something of the contempt natural to a grower of high priced kaoliang. But maybe it was impolite to ask about these things too.

"We went to inspect the camp. Water spilled through the roofs on to the earthen floor, and each time we entered a room the men, women, and children got up, woodenly off their straw matting and looked at us without interest and without resentment. A few had blankets. Here and there was a fur quilt. Many of the children had trachoma. In the past 12 days four had died."

Out near the gate the farmer Li told me, "To beg is not seemly—an old woman's idea. I won't do that. We only wish to go back home."

As the ricksha cooler began joggling us away, back to Peking,

Communism Slovak Variety

By DANIEL DE LUCE

July 28.

Slovak Communists wear a white collar to the office—and goes to church on Sunday. It beats the drums for Soviet foreign policy but it admits it never wants to see a Russian army on Slovak soil, again. It talks of Democracy instead of dictatorship of the proletariat. It wants Czechoslovakia's windows to the West wide open.

What is Slovak Communism? The answer from Party-General Stefan Bastovansky bears little resemblance to old Marxist doctrines.

Bastovansky, 37, a quiet scholarly ex-railway clerk controls the Party machinery which harvested a Red vote of 31 percent in the first Slovak elections after the war.

"Accusations that the Slovak Communist Party's programme is made in Moscow is not often made and it is easy to disprove," Bastovansky said. "We propose nothing cannot be achieved through Democratic processes. The fact that we advocate cooperation with other parties in achieving a broad socialisation of the economic structure of the state presupposes that we are open to compromises. We are for evolution, not revolution."

Bastovansky has never visited Moscow. His major function at present seems to be the rallying of Slovak workers in support of the national two year plan of industrialisation.

"The plan went into effect last January 1 and its aims are to eliminate unemployment and raise the standard of living of all people," he said. "After the two year plan we may have a five year plan."

The current plan has already converted most of the industries to state ownership but the 80 percent that are privately operated may continue that way indefinitely. Factory output in some cases has reached 90 percent of prewar level but the Communist goal is 100 percent.

Bastovansky admitted that 6,000 Slovaks were in forced labour camps after conviction on charges ranging from blackmarketing to collaborating with Nazi Germany during the war. Associated Press.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



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By Shepard Barclay

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THREE MAJOR WEAPONS

TO PROTECT himself against the defense running a suit which would beat his No Trump game, the average declarer is keenly conscious of possessing two major weapons. First is the hold-up play, to make sure that the partner of the long suit holder has no card of the suit left to lead by the time the declarer's last stopper is gone. Second is keeping out of the lead the particular defender who would be able to come through a tenace honor or honors. But a third major one, less used, is knocking out early the side entry in the long-suit hand.

S K Q 9 5
H Q 7 6 4
D 8 7 6
C A 10 3

S J 10 6
H K 10 9 8
D 5 3 2
C 7 6

S 7 3 2
H None
D A 9 5 4 3
C Q J 9 8

S A 8 4
H A J 4
D K Q J J 0
C K 6 2

(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable.)
East South West North
Pass D 1 H 1 S
2 C 2 NT Pass 3 NT
West opened his partner's clubs with the 7, which drew the 10, J and K. South, a finesse addict, decided to build up two tricks in hearts early, went to dummy with the spade K and brought a heart through to West's K. The club 6 was four had died.

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topped by East's 8 when the A was held up in dummy, but then the 9 knocked out that honor. South was able now to score three more spades and two hearts, but when he lost a diamond to the A, East set him with clubs.

South had two ways to assure that contract. One was to hold up on the first club so that, when West won the heart finesse, he could not kill South's last club stopper; when East then won with the diamond A, he could remove declarer's last club, but by then the remaining tricks could have been cashed by South.

The other method was for South, after winning a club, to lead diamonds before touching the hearts. This would have obliterated East's sole re-entry for his clubs and would have assured all the tricks except one each in clubs, diamonds and hearts.

Tomorrow's Problem

S D
H None
D J 10 7 6 5 4 2
C A 7 6 3 2

S J 6 5
H J 8 5 4 3
D 2
C K 10 8

S A K 8 4
H None
D A Q 9 8
C Q J 9 8

S Q 10 7 3 2
H A K Q 10 7 6
D 2
C None

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)
What bidding would you consider sanest on this funny deal?

My translator said, "He is typical of the landlord class. Last winter I saw refugees from Dairen. They lay in the snow. They had no fur quilts. These were the really poor."

My translator has an orderly mind, and distinguishes clearly

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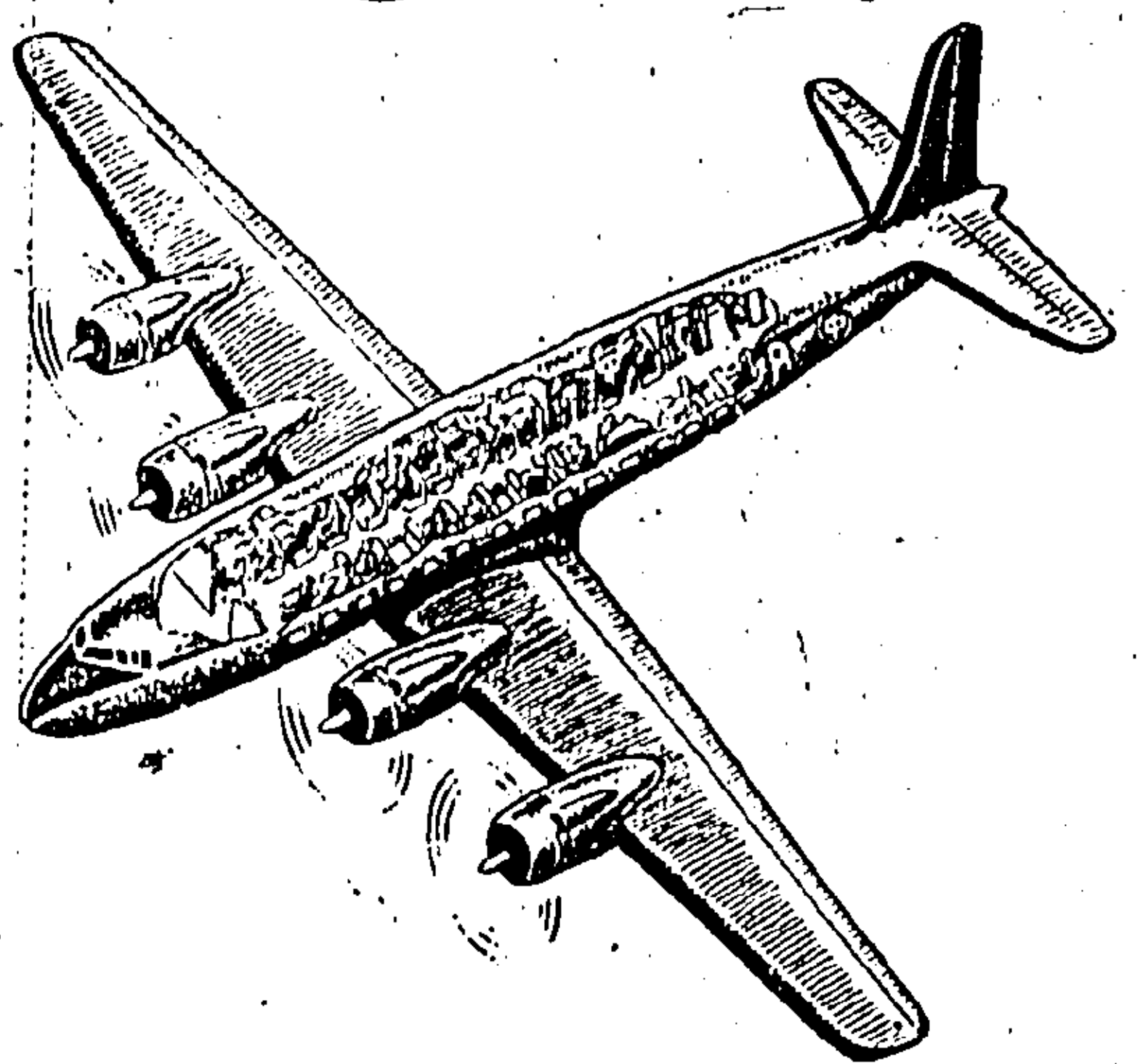
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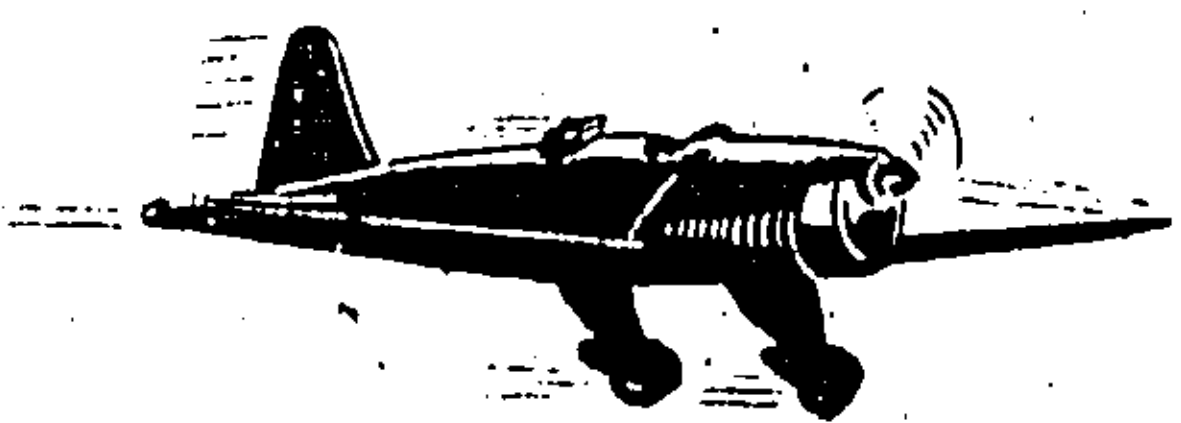
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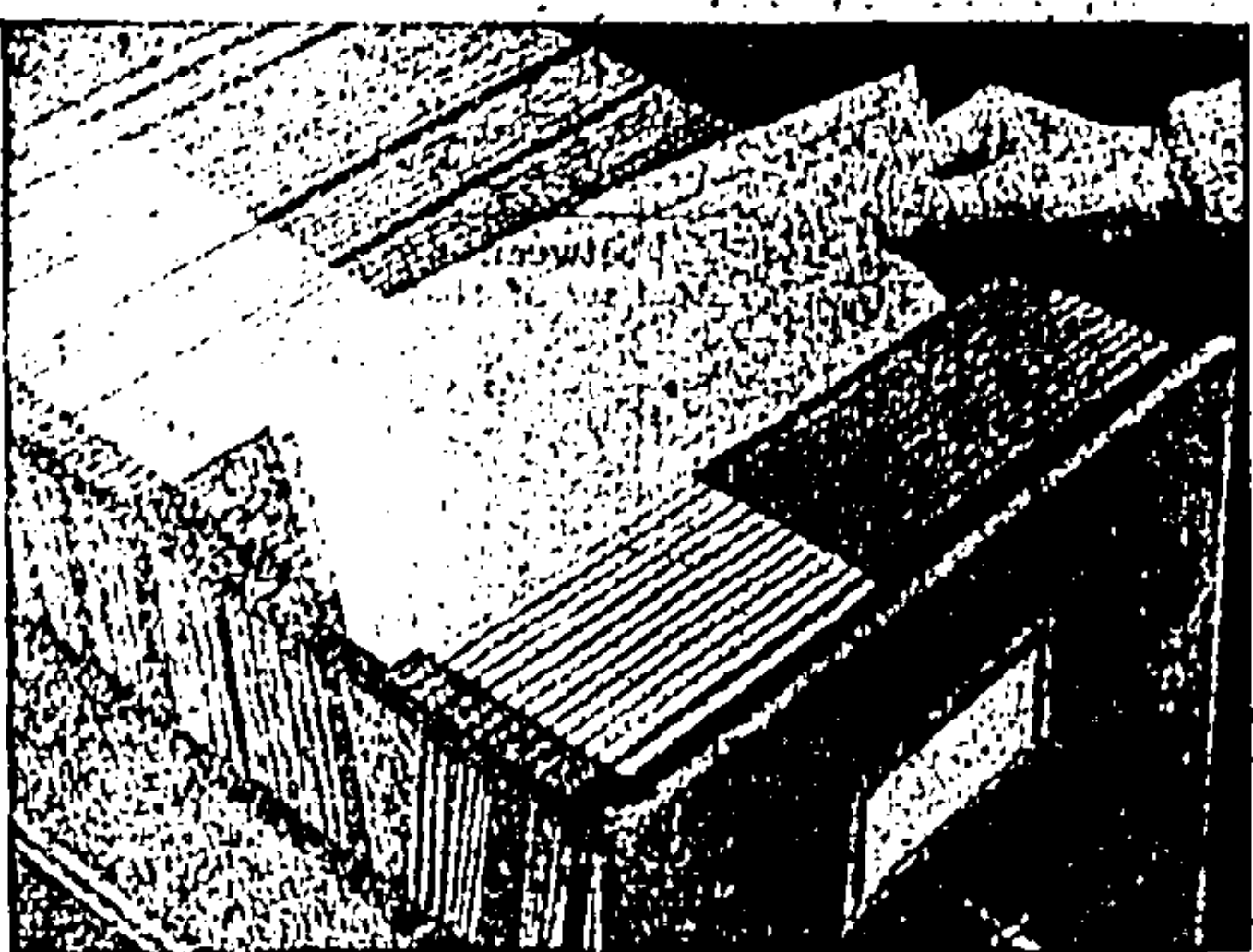
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Tito, Dimitrov Get Together

Belgrade, July 27. Marshal Josef Tito, his Cabinet and the Belgrade diplomatic corps turned out to greet the Bulgarian Premier, Georgi Dimitrov, and members of his Cabinet on their arrival today.

Outside the station a crowd of thousands, waving flags and throwing flowers, cheered and chanted slogans: "Tito—Dimitrov," "Belgrade—Sofia," and "Moscow—Belgrade—Sofia," as the train pulled in.

Tito and Dimitrov exchanged warm greetings after which Dimitrov and members of his entourage were introduced to the diplomatic corps. After a review of elite troops, Dimitrov spoke briefly, referring again to the purpose of his trip which is an agreement on friendship and co-operation between the two countries.

Tito, tanned, fit and slimmer in a white double-breasted uniform, offered a strong contrast to the thin, sallow Bulgarian leader, who was wearing a plain grey business suit.

A front-page editorial by Vladimir Dedijer, director of information for the Yugoslav Government, appearing in the Communist Party paper, Borba, set the tone for all press comment.

"Very Important"

"The visit of Georgi Dimitrov is very important and represents a further addition to the strength of peace-loving powers in the Balkans. The personalities of Marshal Tito and Georgi Dimitrov are a guarantee that meetings between Dimitrov and Tito will bring about stronger political, economic and cultural collaboration between Yugoslavia and Bulgaria and will play a most important role in the liquidation of remnants of the bad past."

Tonight the Bulgarians will be guests of honour at a White Palace reception to be given by

Tito. Tickets for the press were given out, one per nation.—United Press.

"Only Friend"

Belgrade, July 27.

The Bulgarian and Yugoslav peoples "have become fully aware that their only disinterested and powerful real friend is the great Soviet Union," declared the Government organ Borna today, on the occasion of the visit of the Bulgarian Premier, Georgi Dimitrov, to Belgrade. The paper added: "The British and still more the American imperialists are watching with envy and fury the magnificent achievements of the Yugoslav and Bulgarian Republics."

"British and American capitalists have shown in Greece that they favour civil wars and want to create centres of intrigues and of provocation of war on the borders of the new democracies of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania," the paper declared.

"The Bulgarian and Yugoslav people" know that the best answer to these attempts of capitalists is to tighten their ranks internally and make their mutual relations closer.

"In such circumstances the

MOSCOW IS ALWAYS RIGHT

London, July 28.

The Moscow radio said last night that the British-Soviet trade negotiations in Moscow were broken off because Britain could not guarantee the delivery of certain heavy goods and because the negotiations could not agree on credit terms.

The broadcast, heard here under difficult radio reception conditions, indicated the heavy goods in question were rails and pipes. The broadcast denied reports that the price of grain which the British sought from Russia was the cause of the breakdown. It declared the negotiations agreed on a price which was less than Britain now pays to Argentina or Canada for grain.—Associated Press.

visit of M. Dimitrov acquires especial importance for the tightening of relations between the Balkan peoples, and the mighty contribution to the democratic unification of a new Europe."

His visit was the natural sequence to the establishment and strengthening of good relations between Yugoslavia and Bulgaria and of the growth of brotherly feeling between them, the paper said, adding: "The struggle of the peoples' front has done away with reactionary nationalist cliques and has created preliminary conditions for allowing the frontier between the two countries to cease to be a dividing line, and to become a hyphen between them instead."—Reuter.

SWISS TRAIN CRASH

Zurich, July 27.

Samaritans from the Einsiedeln Benedictine Monastery, Switzerland's most famous pilgrimage resort, helped police and firemen rescue passengers from the wreckage of two trains which collided yesterday, killing 10 and injuring 30 others.

Clearing work went on all night and it was hoped that traffic would be resumed on the single-track electric line, 26 miles from Zurich, today.

One train—a special carrying Catholic worshippers to a service at the Monastery—ran full in to a regular passenger train. The drivers of both engines were killed.

The crash was said to be the worst railway accident in Switzerland in recent years.—Reuter.

RED NAVY

Moscow, July 28.

The Soviet press observed Russia's Navy Day on Sunday by emphasizing that the Red Fleet should be built up with "new modern ships of all types." Naval experts, writing in various publications, said the Navy's chief function is to guard Russia's coastline against possible invaders.—Associated Press.

HOME-BUILDING SOCIETY FORMED

(Continued from Page 1)

Loan Suggestion

"It has been clearly shown to you that the rate of interest you will be charged will have an important bearing on the amount of your monthly instalments. Presumably because there is so much money in the Colony the banks pay no interest on current accounts and the interest paid on savings accounts is now down to 1 per cent. The banks apparently do not want money. Why should not Government tap the vast flood of unwanted money?"

"We believe that a 2½ per cent loan floated in the Colony would be oversubscribed in a few days. If this is not expedient, could not Government float such a loan in London where a return of 2½ per cent would be considered quite attractive? The security would be the deposits of the shareholders of the Home-Building Society and the land and buildings, the deeds for which would be retained by Government until they have been paid for in full.

"Are we asking too much of Government? Surely not. We demand that Government implement fine words and promises with action. We do not ask for charity. We merely expect that Government policy in connection with the housing problem should be in line with the policy of all enlightened governments throughout the world today.

Practical Attempt

"Finally, you will have noticed that in the second statement issued to the press when giving details of the Braga plan the word 'Cooperative' had been omitted. This was intentional, not because it was to be no longer cooperative, but because we were given to understand that regulations are now being prepared to prevent the misuse of this term. It is the intention of the promoters of this scheme to make it co-operative within the framework of the law. In fact, the Kowloon Residents' Association decided to sponsor the Braga plan because it is non-profit making and because we consider that it is a practical attempt to solve the acute housing problem.

"The first question to be raised was that of a deposit, it being held that should such deposit be insisted upon, many would be supporters of the scheme would be compelled to drop out.

Replying, Mr. Braga said that the problem was a very difficult one. Any person who bought something on the hire purchase system would be expected to pay some deposit to start off with. Without referring to any personalities, it would be difficult to make any exception. By way of illustration,

tion, Mr. Braga said that assuming a man was allowed to move into a house provided with fittings, there was nothing to prevent him looting the house. In such a case, the Building Society would be at a loss to recover any damage inflicted on the building. Mr. Braga said the matter could be referred to the Committee which would be appointed and this Committee would undoubtedly give the matter careful consideration.

Twin Houses

Mr. Braga also said that when the time came for the Society itself to apply for funds, one of the questions to be asked would naturally be directed to the amount of deposit which the Society was prepared to furnish. Mr. Braga further said that there were many problems involved and it was not possible to say exactly how much any person would be expected to pay by way of deposit.

The next question to come up for discussion was that of twin houses built to accommodate two families.

Dealing with this question, Mr. Braga said that the Chairman had already stated in his address that he wanted those interested to take part in the scheme and that in the case of those who were not in a position to pay \$270 a month, the promoters would try to meet their purses by building semi-detached houses or flats. "We cannot guarantee to build houses to suit your requirements, but will try our best to fit everybody in," said Mr. Braga. Commenting on the fact that mention had been made of key money, Mr. Braga said that there was no question but that the deposit would be definitely less than any key money which would be demanded. "The deposit is yours, nobody else's," remarked Mr. Braga.

Possible Sites

When asked whether the Society had any sites in view, Mr. Braga said that two sites had been mentioned in the press: one on Hong Kong Island known as Jardine's Look-Out and the other in Kowloon known as Kowloon Tai. Mr. Braga declared that it was not advisable at the present moment to mention other sites. There were many speculations abroad and if a site was mentioned, the disclosure would definitely prove detrimental to the interests of the Society. "It would be best to keep new sites as we have the mind to ourselves," said Mr. Braga, and much applause followed.

Answering a query as to whether it would be much cheaper to build a block of flats

than small houses for the same square footage, say for 50 families to one building, Mr. Braga said that it had not yet been established that the cost of a building was cheaper than that of a bungalow. For a block of buildings, provision would have to be made for additional foundations, stairways and other items. Assuming that you were living on the top floor of a five storeyed building and your roof started to leak and you apply to the people on the block to patch up your roof. The man on the ground floor would get care," quoted Mr. Braga. Another difficulty was that the ground floor could not be occupied until the whole block was completed. The land occupied might be less, but plenty of land was available for building purposes in the Colony.

Cost Of Land

Discussing the question of the cost of land, Mr. Braga said that this was an unknown factor altogether. If a person wanted to build a bungalow on the City Hall site, the cost of the land would naturally be more than if the house were built in Fanling. In outlying districts, land was much cheaper. Mr. Braga said that if the Society was able to complete satisfactory negotiations with Government, they should certainly get land much cheaper. It was hoped that Government would be reasonable in terms when approached.

Mr. Braga said that it was proposed to ask Government for grants, not for loans. There was no question of the householder being placed in the hands of Government. If the Building Society was formed, there would be a Board of Directors and the members of this Board, not the householder himself, would deal direct with Government. Although it had been mentioned that it was hoped to obtain a loan from Government, it was not necessarily compulsory for the Society to resort to this course. Government might not be prepared to lend money at two and a half per cent or five per cent. It would, therefore, be better to leave Government out altogether as far as money was concerned. Mr. Braga said that it would certainly be necessary for negotiations to be started with Government for the purchase of land on terms.

1922 Scheme

Mr. Braga intimated that Government had not yet been approached in the matter, as the organization was having its first meeting yesterday. Mr. Braga declared that all would have to do some work if they wanted homes. Mr. Braga said

that a Committee would have to be appointed and called upon those present to appoint such a Committee to start negotiations with Government. "It will take time, but Governments are always slow" said Mr. Braga.

Mr. A. H. Basto then drew attention to the fact that during the housing shortage in 1922-1923, Government introduced a plan to provide land free of charge for a period of 40 years with certain stipulations. He suggested that the subject be re-opened.

It was decided that this matter be taken up by the Committee to be appointed.

Mr. Clemo said that the K.R.A. which was still a live force, had sponsored the Building Society and were backing it to the utmost and would render it every assistance possible.

In answer to a question by one of the ladies present, Mr. Braga said that the Building Society would be prepared to put up houses on individual sites.

Mr. C. E. Terry
Chairman

Another suggestion put forward was that the scheme should not only be confined to Kowloon, but to the whole of Hong Kong as well.

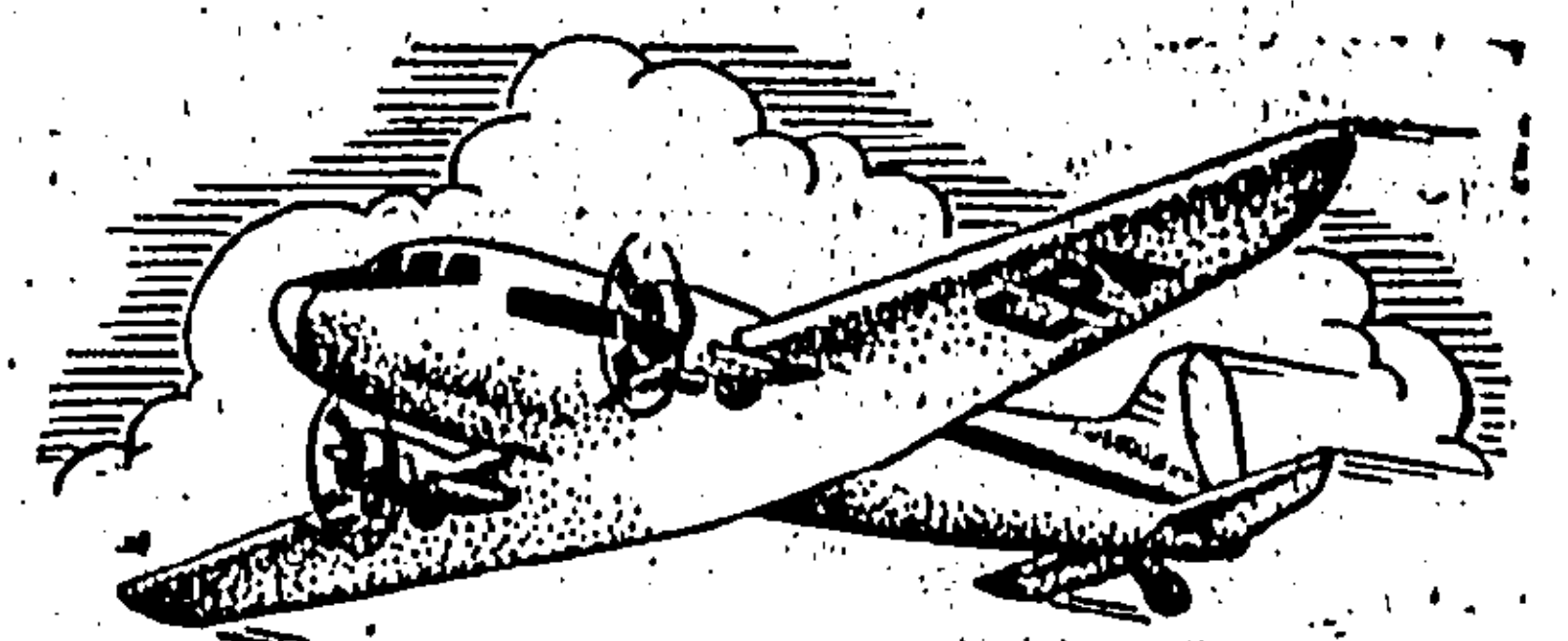
Mr. Terry suggested that the meeting should decide whether or not the Home Building Society should be formed.

When the question was put to the meeting, it was carried unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr. Clemo, seconded by Mr. Braga, Mr. C. E. Terry was unanimously elected to be the first Chairman of the Home Building Society, with the following Committee Members: Messrs. Hugh Braga, Fred Mow-fung, A. H. Basto and Mrs. E. C. Thomas.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, whose name was proposed, informed the meeting that much as he would like to act on the Committee, he was unable to do so. Mr. D'Almada assured those present that he would help the Society as much as he could outside.

Before the meeting closed, Mr. Terry thanked those present for having done him the honour of electing him to be Chairman of the Society. He said that he would do all in his power to look after the interests of all concerned. Mr. Terry suggested that until a Secretary was appointed, all communications should be addressed to Mr. Hugh Braga. Mr. Terry concluded by saying that all information regarding steps taken by the Society and negotiations entered into would be made known through the medium of the press.



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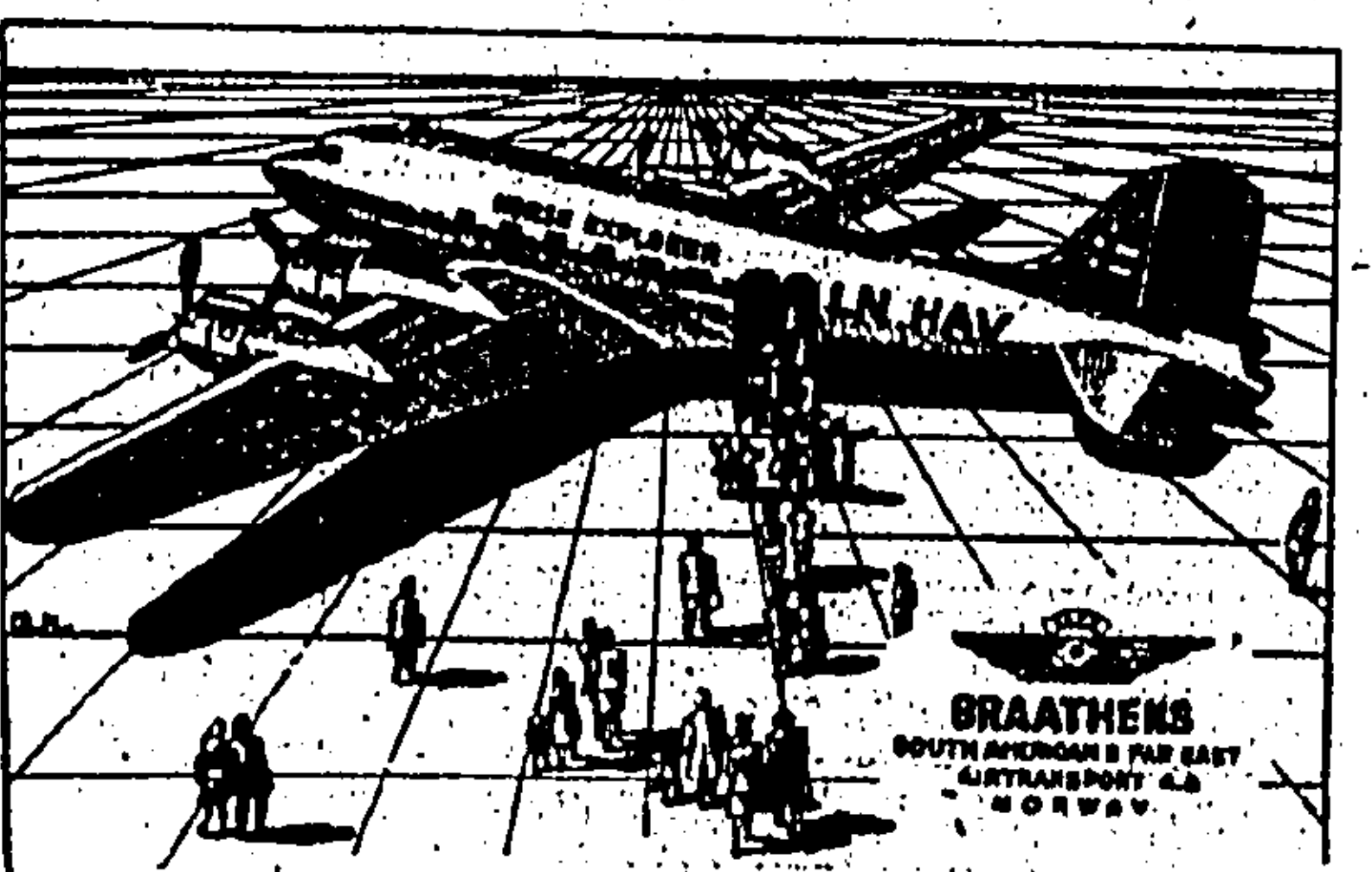
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N.Y.'s. FREE GOLD RUMOURS DUE TO MISCONCEPTION

London, July 26.
The New York rumours that the Bank of England's ban on the free gold market does not apply to sales of foreign gold extracted by British refineries from imported ore were ascribed in London to a misconception. Since the outbreak of war, it was stated, gold bullion extracted from imported ore had never been saleable on the free market. It must be sold to the Bank of England at the official price.

The free market trading in London was in bullion passing between overseas countries.

World Bank Issues

New York, July 26.
The new World Bank issues continue to hold the spotlight, registering small gains in more active dealings on buying by institutional investors, with quotations within striking distance of their record high levels.

Rails were active and firm with many issues advancing to the best levels for the movement and reflected the persistent strength of carrier shares on the Stock Exchange.

Industrials and utilities were quiet but steady while the market's low coupon issues declined fractionally.

Exchange Rate For The Yen

Tokyo, July 28.
A provisional exchange rate for Japan, based on comparative values of the dollar and yen, is regarded as likely before the establishment of an official exchange rate, according to the Japanese Jiji press service, quoting "well informed trade circles."

With inflation worsening and food getting shorter each day, it is felt that the establishment of any foreign exchange rate would be impossible in the immediate future but it might be possible for Japan to have a provisional exchange rate set up on the arrival of foreign traders in this country.

Detailed export procedure, following the reopening of private trade next month, has not been decided yet, but according to announcements in Washington, export prices will be determined between the Board of Trade and Japanese private traders on the basis of the so-called "official" prices now in force in Japan.—Reuter.

It was added, however, that in general the refineries would produce not bullion but manufactured gold articles.

The Bank of England not merely allows these to be exported at prices above the official parity to many eastern hemisphere destinations but also insists on the gold content of the manufactured articles being priced at far above the official level.

Export Procedure

In some cases, including India, this compulsory premium reaches 100 per cent over the official price of 950/- an ounce for the gold against the Bank of England's selling price of industrial gold at 175/- and unless the exporter obtains this premium, over and above his manufacturing costs and other charges, he does not obtain an export licence.

This procedure for exports of gold articles has not been affected by any of the recent developments in regard to gold bullion.

Steps had already been taken to prevent its being abused as a method of disguising exports of gold bullion, for example, by slightly manufacturing the bullion into gold sheets.—Reuter.

DEFENCE BONDS

London, July 26.
A conversation officer will shortly be made to holders of 3% Defence Bonds purchased between Nov. 1, 1940 and April 30, 1941 and therefore maturing between Nov. 1, 1947 and April, 1948. The holders of funds purchased between these dates will be invited to continue their bonds until May 1, 1948—the next interest date.—Reuter.

Anglo-Soviet Trade Talks

London, July 27.
Sir Harold Wilson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, who has just returned from Moscow, will make his full report on the denuded Anglo-Russian trade negotiations to the Cabinet tomorrow.

He may also make a statement in the House of Commons tomorrow or Tuesday, he told Reuter.

Sir Harold Wilson has been resting at his home in Oxford this weekend, following his experience when the York aircraft which brought the Trade Mission back home from the Soviet Union over-ran the runway at London Airport on Friday night.

"I was only shaken up a bit, and I am feeling quite all right now," he said.—Reuter.

"World Will End In Cold Ashes"

New York, July 27.
Senator Brien McMahon (Democrat, Connecticut) today warned that growing and ominous antagonism had caught the United States and Russia in a perilous drift toward war.

Speaking before graduates of Fordham University, Senator McMahon called on the United States to seek a reverse by appealing for a moratorium on world tension.

"Mr. (Bernard) Baruch said the other day that we were engaged in a 'cold war' with Soviet Russia," the Senator said. "In all seriousness, if ways and means are not found and devised to stop the cold war, hot war will come and the world will end in cold ashes."

He specifically proposed that the United States call for a world inventory of security needs—statements of all nations of the world of their peace requirements, "from the vantage point of their own security."

Describing the proposal as a supplement to the Marshall Plan for an inventory of European economic needs, Senator McMahon recommended that it be advanced formally within the

The Economic Future Of Europe

London, July 28.
British diplomats believe the economic future of Europe depends upon the forthcoming attempts of Britain, the United States and France to solve the problem of eastern Germany.

Authoritative British sources said that there are possibilities

of widespread success and equal widespread failure when the three nations grapple with the questions of German industrial production and the position of the Ruhr with its plant coal potential. They said they considered that a successful conclusion of the negotiations strengthening E.C.P. as an economy with agreed measures on German steel, coal and chemicals might darken the prospects of writing a German peace treaty here next November.

Guilder Soars In Singapore

Singapore, July 27.

Chinese speculators in Singapore expect the return to prosperity in Indonesia after the Dutch military action and a "rush" on the Singapore black market has sent the Dutch Netherlands Indies commercial administration guilder soaring.

Speculators believe the NICA guilder will soon replace the Indonesian currency and the Japanese "banana" notes in areas recaptured by the Dutch.

The value of 100 NICA guilders on the Singapore black market rose to about Straits \$11 at the outbreak of hostilities.

The official value of 100 NICA guilders is Straits \$8, but a decline began some months ago when the Indonesian-Dutch negotiations came to a stalemate, and trade almost came to a standstill.

Officially, the NICA currency should not be exported from Indonesia but it is estimated the Chinese traders have smuggled out several million guilders worth.—Reuter.

SCHOOL TRAGEDY

Sharanpur, July 27.
Twenty-one pupils were killed and 40 injured when the roof of a primary school in a village near here collapsed suddenly today. The victims were all under 12 years.—Reuter.

H.K. Stock Exchange

Docks, Providents, Hotels, Trams and Cements were amongst the most prominent of the deals during a busy day. There was some profit taking evident, but in spite of this, offerings were well absorbed with small fluctuations.

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RECALLED TO BURMA

Rangoon, July 27.

U Tin Tut, former Burmese High Commissioner in London, who was recalled to Burma to take up his post as Minister without Portfolio after the recent assassination of the seven Burmese Cabinet Ministers, arrived here today.

He was accompanied by two members of the Burmese political goodwill mission to Britain.—Reuter.

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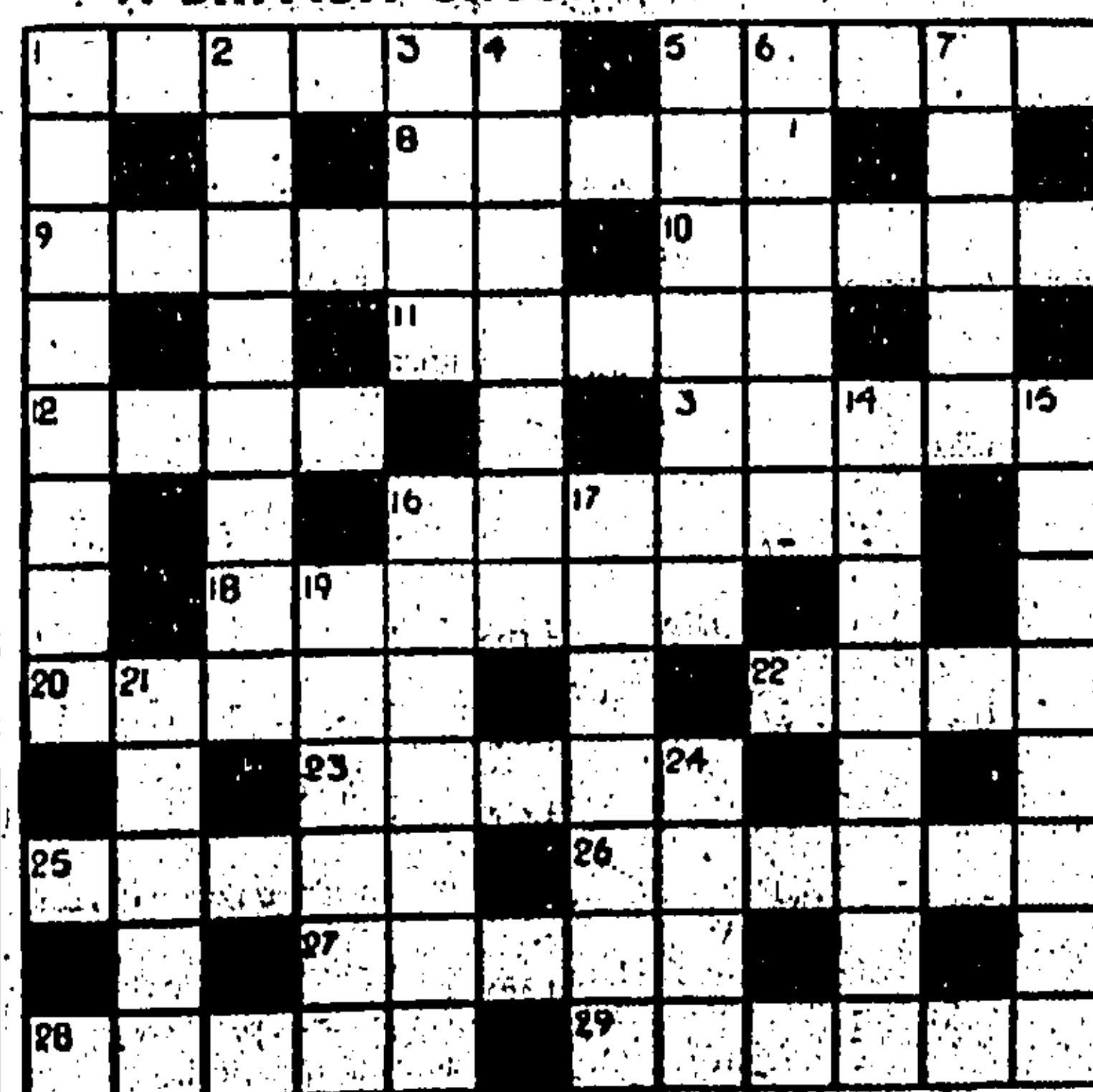
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Control Yuan Memorandum

Nanking, July 28.

The Control Yuan, in a memorandum to the Executive Yuan yesterday, demanded that China be given half of the US\$75,000,000 and US\$200,000,000 worth of gold bullion, diamonds and other precious metals and gems now held by the Japanese government, as reparations to be used for stabilization of the Chinese currency.

The memorandum said that the gold bullion and other precious metals in Japanese banks amount to US\$200,000,000 and diamonds hoarded by the Japanese government were valued at US\$75,000,000.

The Control Yuan also asked the Chinese Foreign Office to oppose vigorously Gen. McArthur's plan to maintain Japanese industrial development on the 1930-1934 level. It requested that Japan's industry be kept below the present Chinese level.

The memorandum was drawn up by a group of Yuan members and was approved by Yu Yuen, President of the Control Yuan, which is the highest supervisory organ but not vested with policy-making powers.

The memorandum was submitted as a reference for the formulation of China's stand in the forthcoming Japanese peace treaty conference.

Industries

It contained the following additional points: 1. All Japanese industrial equipment which exceeds the present Chinese level should be removed to China as reparations and China should be given enough Japanese shipping also as reparations to transport the equipment to China.

2. Japan should compensate China for all commodities and materials she purchased with currency issued by the puppet Chinese government and which she took out of China during the war.

3. The resumption of Chinese-Japanese trade should be carried out only when Japanese and Chinese industries are at the same level.

War Industries

4. After the conclusion of peace with Japan, China should participate in military occupation and political supervision of

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Hong Kheng Grounding Enquiry

(Continued from Page 2.)

was reported to have died of

incumonia on the "Hong Kheng"

shortly after the stranding.

Second Officer's Evidence

Another death, that of a 35-year

old male, took place on the

"Hunan" before she reached port.

This was also a natural case.

There were two other deaths of

children among the passengers

from natural causes after arrival

in Hong Kong.

None of the deaths could in

any way be attributed as a

casualty of the grounding.

Norman Bain, 2nd officer of the

"Hong Kheng," said he was on

watch from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight

on July 18. The engine set from

the Nine Pins at 8.42 p.m. was

N. 75 E True, and the position

was last fixed at 9.30 p.m. He

handed over to the acting Chief

Officer at 12 midnight and went to

sleep. He was awakened at about

4 a.m. either by the impact or

by the ringing of the telegraph.

He did not know what had

happened but when he looked out

of the port window he saw

breakers off the port bow. He did

not know the ship had stranded

until he got to the bridge. Just

before he finished his watch he

saw two vessels on the starboard

beam, about 1½ miles overtaking

the "Hong Kheng." While he was

on watch visibility was good; and

he did not see any signal light.

Acting Chief Officer

Robert Charles Barker, acting

Chief Officer, said he took over

from Bain at midnight. Visibility

was then fair, and the weather

clear, and with the exception of

passing rainstorms this condition

was maintained right up to the

time of the stranding.

The two vessels on the star-

board beam, seen at midnight

about four miles off, were last

seen at 3 a.m. when they were to

the starboard bow.

At 3.40 a.m. Captain Banner-

man came up to the bridge and

together they discussed altering

course or not, and it was decided

to keep to the present course.

The master then said he would

take over watch and asked him

to write up the log but before he

was able to do this Captain

Bannerman called to him to see

what was ahead. At first he

thought it was a patch of oil, but

another look revealed that they

were rocks. An order was at

once rung down for the engines

to stop and full speed astern, but

it was too late and in another

moment the vessel had grounded.

He then immediately left the

bridge to go below to ascertain

the extent of the damage. This

done he returned and discussed

with Captain Bannerman the pos-

sibility of taking the ship off the

rock and of beaching her. It was

agreed, however, that in view of

the fact there were several ves-

sels in the vicinity the passengers

should be disembarked first; and

accordingly signals for assistance

were sent out.

Some Panic

Questioned by the President,

witness said the crew were

calm and they assembled on the

boat deck where a roll call was

made. They were among the last

to leave the ship.

There was some panic among

the passengers at first but when

they were told that there were

vessels in the vicinity which

would come to take them off, they

all quietened down and calm

restored.

Further questioned he said he

had been on the China Coast for

just under a year and had in all

made five trips. This was the

first time he had acted as Chief

Officer.

The impact of the grounding

was very slight and could hardly

be felt.

He was followed into the box

by Alfred Herbert Ward, the 2nd

engineer, who said he was in the

CHIANG APPEAL

Nanking, July 28.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-

shek appealed today to visit-

ing American publishers for

cooperation in solving the

problem of "misleading re-

ports and articles," which, he

said, were "a serious obstacle

in the way of Sino-American

cooperation."

In a strongly worded state-

ment, Chiang told the group

that "unfriendly criticisms" by

certain American correspond-

ents in China was "hurting

the honour and self-respect of

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D.R. JARDINE SENSATION Wants Alteration In The Rules Of Cricket Smaller Ball To Aid Bowlers

(By Vernon Morgan, Reuters Sport Editor)
London, July 27.

The Indian-born England cricketer, Douglas Jardine, most famous of all English cricket captains of the present generation, wants the laws of cricket changed. That is news with a very big "N," and must have caused the ghost in the hallowed pavilion at Lords to shake their old bones.

There will always be those who consider that a sport can be vastly improved if only its rules were altered, but the majority of these people are cranks and not the pillars of the sport concerned.

Governing bodies are used to getting these suggestions, which they invariably glance at and discard as revolutionary, with a chuckle to their colleagues. "Look at what old So-and-so is now proposing." Occasionally, ideas are deemed sensible and taken due note of.

In very rare circumstances are they adopted, but mostly they come to nought, because officials in sport are conservative at heart and say that what was good enough for their fathers, and their fathers before them, is good enough for the present generation. "Why spoil this good 'old game'?" they say.

When a man like Jardine writes a letter to one of Britain's national institutions like The Times, suggesting that an old traditional game like cricket could be improved by making the ball smaller, or by altering the laws, officials cannot help taking notice, but whether they will act is quite another matter.

More Swerve

It is now old news that Jardine wants to give the poor bowlers a chance by suggesting play with a smaller ball as used by school-boys. This would enable the bowler to get more swerve and spin into his deliveries and thus give bowlers a better chance of removing his opponents and speed up and improve the game.

England's former cricket captain is dead serious in his suggestion. Pointing to recent changes in the rules such as the size of wickets, and the leg-before-wicket rule, he wants a smaller ball to be tried out all over the country during the latter part of the season to see what effect this experiment would have on the game.

There has been little reaction to this suggestion, but it has led, as such suggestions always do, to other proposals for "improving" the game.

One man has written to The Times to suggest a heavier ball to make it easier for fieldsmen, and another to this paper, read by the majority of cricketers in the country, suggesting that the smaller ball should be accompanied by a shorter pitch, 21 yards instead of the regulation 22.

Doubtless there will be many other such suggestions for the MCC to consider.

Of course, bowlers are all for anything that will help them against their natural enemies the batsmen, and little Tich Freeman, former England spin bowler, has gone on record as saying: "The idea would definitely help the average bowler and that will be good for cricket."

But some cricket writers suggest another remedy for today's present supremacy of bat over ball.

It lies not in making the ball or pitch smaller, or in making the ball heavier, they say, but rather in making the bowler really able to bowl. The bad workman blames his tools, so an old saying goes, and bowlers, instead of blaming the wicket, the ball, the umpire and anything they can think of, should really get down to it and practice the art of bowling as it should be practised and as men like Verity practised it to become the giants in the game they were.

Hard Road

"Practice makes perfect," that is what my games master was always drilling into me, and how right he was.

It might well be, as so many sports writers have suggested, that one of the chief reasons for the level of British sport today is that there is not that study and practice, which marked British sport of the last century—and that goes for all sports.

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LOCKE WINS AGAIN

Columbus, Ohio, July 28. Bobby Locke, South African champion, won the 72-hole Columbus Open Golf Tournament on Sunday with a total of 274, 14 under par, and became the country's biggest money winner of the year. He defeated Jimmy Demaret by five strokes in winning his seventh victory in 12 starts since coming to this country on April 1.—Associated Press.

American Baseball

New York, July 28.

Baseball scores—

National League

St. Louis 10 18 0

St. Louis 3 7 0

New York 16 1 1

Chicago 6 14 1

Winning pitcher Koso.

(1st game)

Brooklyn 8 17 0

Pittsburgh 4 8 0

Winning pitcher Behrman.

(2nd game)

Brooklyn 11 12 0

Pittsburgh 4 8 2

Winning pitcher Gregg.

(1st game)

Philadelphia 12 3 0

Cincinnati 5 9 0

Winning pitcher Kent Peterson.

(2nd game)

Philadelphia 6 12 0

Cincinnati 5 8 2

Winning pitcher Judd.

American League

Cleveland 2 5 0

Washington 1 9 0

Winning pitcher Gettel.

(1st game)

Detroit 5 8 0

Philadelphia 1 0 1

Winning pitcher Fred Hutchinson.

(2nd game)

Detroit 0 4 0

Philadelphia 5 10 1

Winning pitcher Dick Fowler.

(1st game)

St. Louis 3 8 1

Detroit 4 9 1

Winning pitcher Hughson.

(2nd game)

St. Louis 2 7 1

Boston 11 10 0

Winning pitcher Ferriss.

(1st game)

Chicago 4 8 0

New York 7 9 1

Winning pitcher Bobo Newsum.

(2nd game)

Chicago 5 9 0

New York 4 8 3

Winning pitcher Pappish.

—Associated Press.

Hong Kong Stadium Discussion

"On numerous occasions there were such crowds attending the matches that if the stands were the size of the present one, they would not be able to accommodate all," said the Hon. Mr. A. Morse, President of the Hong Kong Football Association, at the Annual General Meeting at Gloucester Hotel yesterday.

Mr. Morse said that there was naturally a heavy loss in revenue to the Association and the Clubs affiliated apart from the keen disappointment of the public. The question of a permanent stadium capable of holding 30,000 to 40,000 spectators was never lost sight of by the Council. Government was now prepared to consider the question of sanctioning such a stadium.

Mr. Morse said that on behalf of the Association he had discussed the question with the Hon. Mr. D. MacDougall at some length, and accompanied by the Hon. Mr. Keniff, Director of Public Works, and Mr. D. W. MacIntosh, Commissioner of Police, had inspected various possible sites for a suitable stadium, but owing to the impossibility of obtaining necessary building materials it was not possible to make a start on the project in the near future. He would, however, like to record his great appreciation of the sympathetic approach given to the matter by those in Government and with whom discussion had taken place, particularly Mr. MacDougall.

Mr. Morse lunched on the difficulties confronting the Association at the beginning of the season with regard to playing fields and the general shortage of competent referees. He thanked all referees who had assisted the Association, in often having to referee two games an afternoon, and he expressed the hope that more and better referees would be forthcoming next season.

Mr. Morse said that with a view to improving the game and providing for better control and more effective conduct of the affairs of the Association a special committee had been appointed with wide terms of reference.

Mr. Morse concluded with praise for Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Mr. P. de Souza and Mr. H. K. Lee, who he referred to as the greatest pillars of football in the Colony.

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Test Match Dispute For M.C.C.

Leeds, July 27. On the initiative of the South African captain, Alan Meville, a ruling by the Test match umpires, Frank Chester and J. Hills, which prevented the use of pace bowlers by both England and South Africa at different stages of the game at Headingley yesterday, will be referred to the M.C.C.

During South Africa's innings, the umpires ordered the England skipper, Norman Yardley, to take off the pace bowlers Edrich and Butler because of bad light. Yardley complied, replacing them with slow bowlers Wright and Young.

The pace bowlers Tuckett and Dawson opened the South African attack against England and later, after the spin bowlers had a spell, Meville wished to bring Tuckett back to bowl from the end at which there is no sight-screen.

This change was disallowed by the umpires. After contending that if the light were too bad for the use of pace-bowlers play should not continue, Meville complied with the ruling.

A clarification will, however, be sought from the M.C.C. Under an experimental rule introduced last season and now operating in first-class matches in England, batsmen no longer have the right to appeal against the light. The sole decision on light rests with the umpires, who may decide whether conditions are such that the batsmen may be endangered.—Reuter.

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Hutton Recovers Form Foundations Laid For Big England Score First Century Opening Stand

Headingley, Leeds, July 28. In reply to South Africa's first innings score of 175 on Saturday in the fourth Test Match, England today had scored 202 for the loss of one wicket at the tea interval.

Playing great cricket on a rain-soaked pitch, which became difficult as it dried out, Len Hutton, 89 not out, and Cyril Washbrook, 75, scored 141 runs for the first wicket for England.

A fierce storm two hours before the start of play completely changed the aspect of play.

Luckily for England but unfortunately for South Africa, the sun did not shine with intensity before lunch. Still the ball needed very careful watching and the hour's play before the interval brought England only another 41 runs without loss.

England were then 81 runs behind South Africa's first innings.

A great crowd of over 30,000 watched the play and another 10,000 were unable to gain admission. The spectators went to lunch happy, for in the last over their hero, Hutton, playing on his home ground, completed his first Test 50 of the season.

Good Cricket

Washbrook, while not so certain as Hutton, displayed fine form during an innings of three hours which included ten fours. Despite a couple of errors, it was good cricket on an increasingly difficult pitch.

The partnership hundred—the first century opening stand of the series—was reached in two and a quarter hours. Washbrook completed his 50 shortly afterwards and then became aggressive.

Woman's Attempt On Channel

Dover, July 28.

Miss Elna Anderson, 35-year-old Danish swimmer who failed in a channel attempt last summer, left Dover by motorboat on Sunday afternoon for the French coast for another try.

Miss Anderson planned to enter the water from the dunes around Cap Gris Nez on Sunday evening. She was accompanied by several members of the Dover Swimming Club, including two girls, who planned to take turns swimming beside her on the long way back to England.

If she succeeds, Miss Anderson will be the first swimmer to negotiate the channel since Sweden's Ally Bauer made it on August 27, 1939. The sea was calm and her party set out, but a southerly breeze was freshening.—Associated Press.

Lawn Tennis Doubles

Paris, July 27.

South Africa won two doubles titles in the French lawn tennis championships here today.

Eric Sturgess and Eustace Fannin won the men's doubles final, beating Tom Brown, United States, and Bill Sidwell, Australia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, while Sturgess, partnered by Mrs. Sheila Summers, of South Africa, won the mixed doubles final, beating Christian Canel, of Rumania, and Miss J. Jędrzejowska, of Poland, by 6-0, 6-0.

The South Africans deserved their victory in the men's doubles for they played a much steadier game and their lobbing was brilliant. Brown was more erratic in his smashing, while Sidwell frequently dropped his service.

Sturgess and Mrs. Summers had practically no opposition in the mixed doubles final, their opponents failing to win a single game.—Reuter.

Archbishop Of Colombo Dead

Colombo, July 28.

The Most Reverend Jean-Marie Mashon, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Colombo, collapsed and died in his chair today at the age of 72 while attending to the day's work.

He had earlier said as usual a mass in his private chapel. Born in the French village of La Blolle, he arrived in Colombo in 1898. In 1937 he became Archbishop.

Father Thomas Cooray, now in Rome, who was last year consecrated bishop-coadjutor of Colombo with right of succession to the archbishopric, will succeed to the vacant throne.—Reuter.

CLEANEST TOWN

London, July 27.

The Sunday Express today gave a solid column of its restricted space to a feature story on Salt Lake City's centenary, calling it the "cleanest and clearest town in the United States."—United Press.

RADIO

Washington, July 28.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff, left on Sunday on an inspection tour of army installations in Alaska.—Associated Press.

Taipei, July 28.

For the first time since the end of the Pacific War, four light-houses on the islands east of the Pescadore Islands resumed functioning last night.—Central News.

Jerusalem, July 28.

Sir Henry Gurney, Chief Secretary to the Palestine Government, left by air on Sunday to spend two weeks' holiday in Britain. D.G. Steward will act as Chief Secretary during Sir Henry's absence.—Associated Press.

Charged with having participated in armed robberies at 79 Des Voeux Road Central and 14 Wing Lok Street, Luk Shing Leung, 26; Chin Kiu Ling, 28; Ng Choi, 28; Cheung Yuk Lin, 20, married woman; and Wong Lit, 20, also a married woman, were all remanded for three days in police custody by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday. First and fourth defendants were additionally charged with possession of arms and ammunition.

FAVOURITE FOR RICHARDS

London, July 27. The champion jockey, Gordon Richards, is to ride Mitgoli in the St. Leger, England's last classic race of the season, at Doncaster on Sept. 15. The Age's choice is at present favourite for the race.—Reuter.

Sing Tao Go Down To Defeat

Penang, July 27.

In the surprise of the day, Penang's State XI trounced Hong Kong's Sing Tao team 3-0 in their scheduled second and last match at the International Club Grounds this evening.

Both sides put up an equal battle in the first half and it was not until the second half that Penang began hanging in